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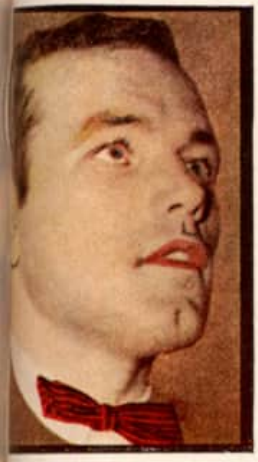

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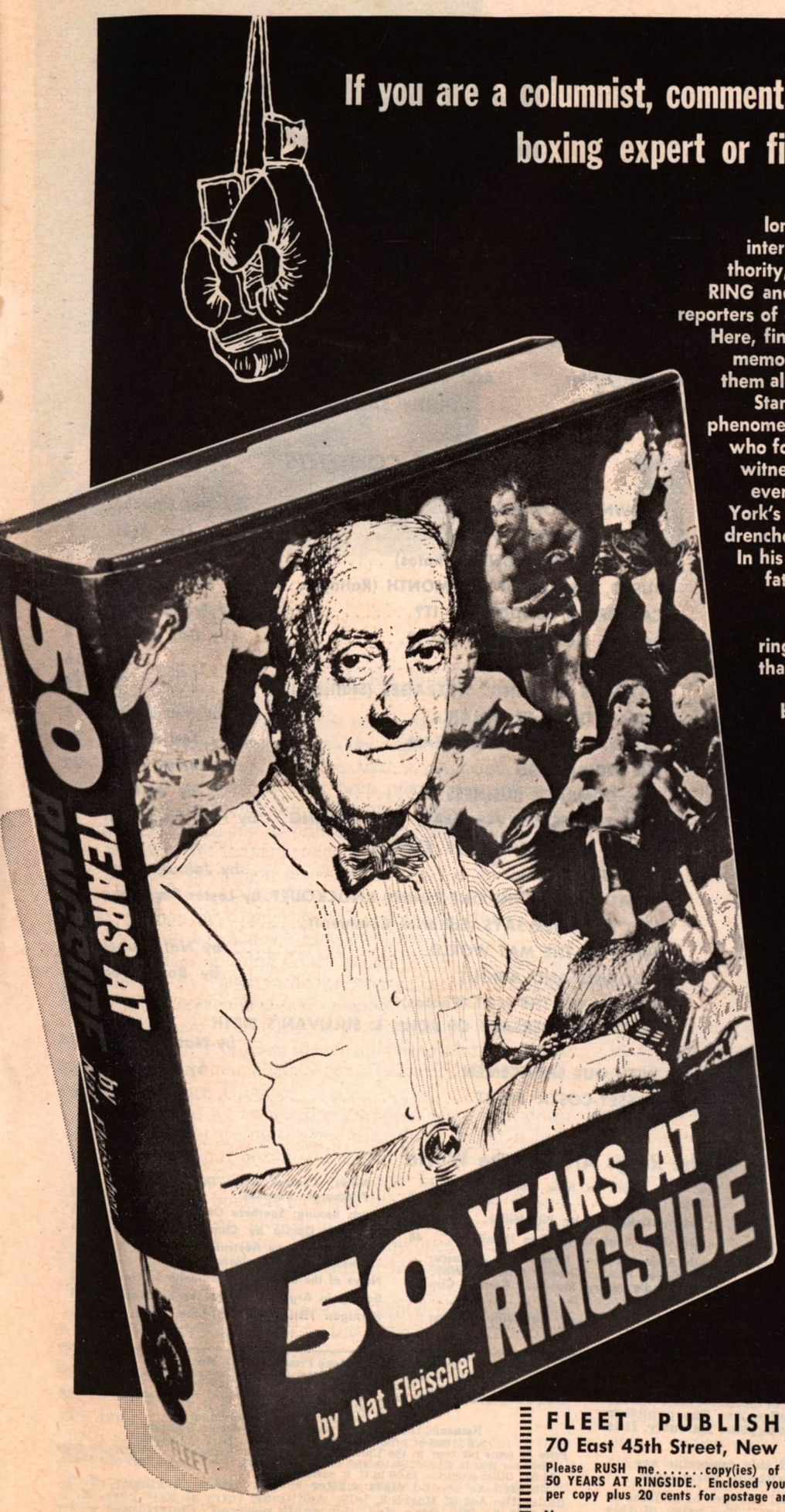


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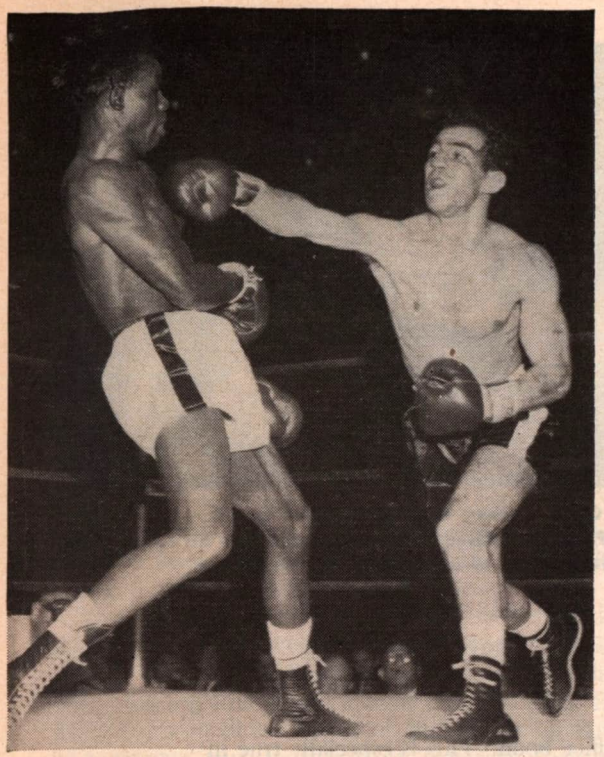

# BROWN'S SHOWING IN BUSSO FIGHT RANK!

**By NAT FLEISCHER**

*"WHAT was wrong with Joe Brown in his fight with Johnny Busso?*

*"How long will the paying fans stand for such nonsense as Brown displayed on the night of November 5?*

*"Why doesn't your magazine start a campaign against such stalling methods as have been practiced so often by fighters who, preparing for a lucrative return bout, stall through ten rounds and do only enough to make certain that they will last the limit. I refer particularly to Joe Brown who in almost every fight in which his title has not been at stake, has given a performance that stinks to the heavens. In my opinion he could have stopped Johnny Busso or at least have won hands down had he really tried.*

*"Whom does he think he was fooling? Certainly not the thousands of TV viewers who must have watched in disgust, as I did, his lackadaisical performance!"*

The above are only a few of the complaints received by this publication following the unanimous victory of Busso in the inaugural show of the Miami Beach Exhibition Hall, operated by Chris Dundee.

We cannot, as we answered our readers, pin a fight down as a phoney. But we must agree with them that it is high time for the various boxing commissions to take action on such mediocre performances by boxers of known ability. In his Miami Beach bout, as on many other occasions, Brown, a master technician, looked like a novice. He let many opportunities slip by him. He had many openings of which he failed to take advantage. Many of his jabs fell far short of the mark.

In short, Joey Brown, world's lightweight champion, wasn't giving the spectators in the arena, or the thousands who watched him on television, what they had expected. And he is not the only champion whose lacklustre performances seemingly "create a demand" for a lucrative return title bout.

No sooner was the "fight" over, than talk of a world title contest between the pair was discussed, with Lou Viscusi announcing he will give Busso the opportunity to fight for the crown if Brown will be guaranteed $50,000. If Brown can't do better in a title fight than he did against Busso in Miami Beach, he isn't worth $500.

Explaining his poor performance, Brown and his handlers declared that the champion was stale from lack of work. That being the case, who is to blame for his poor physical condition other than his manager and trainer? Why make the public suffer? Why make the fight fans the goats?

Julius Helfand, Chairman of the New York Commission, was appointed head in 1954 for a three year term which was later renewed for another three years by Governor Harriman. Not since Jim Farley cracked the whip, had a commissioner come into office amid such hoopla as in Helfand's case.

He got busy, outlawed the New York chapter of the National Managers' Guild, suspended the licenses of a number of managers, expelled the promoter of the St. Nicholas Club, had new laws put into effect to enable him to carry out his aims and then came the International Boxing Club's Trust case, followed by a wide investigation by District Attorney Hogan.

All of which shows that boxing can be cleaned up, it can be established again on firm ground, undesirable characters can be removed if a boxing commission has the backbone to do what is expected of it.

When hundreds of letters protest against a contest, when the public that supports boxing either as paying spectators or through the medium of television, then it is time for commissions to act.

Boxing seems to be running on the basis of managerial control instead of commission control. The National Boxing Association, the New York Commission and all other organizations in control of boxing display deplorable apathy when they fail to take action against the Joe Browns and others who fail to give their best in order to pick a good spot for a future killing.

Let's put a halt to such performances.

The suspension of Brown's license for a year and that of any other fighters who enter the ring ostensibly in perfect physical condition, then when cornered, file petty excuses of an undiscovered ailment, is in order. Remember how Jimmy Carter acted when he was lightweight champion?

If the Miami Beach Boxing Commission couldn't see anything wrong with Dundee's first fight in the new arena, millions of fight fans could tell them. And they will be remaining away from the arenas, and be switching off their

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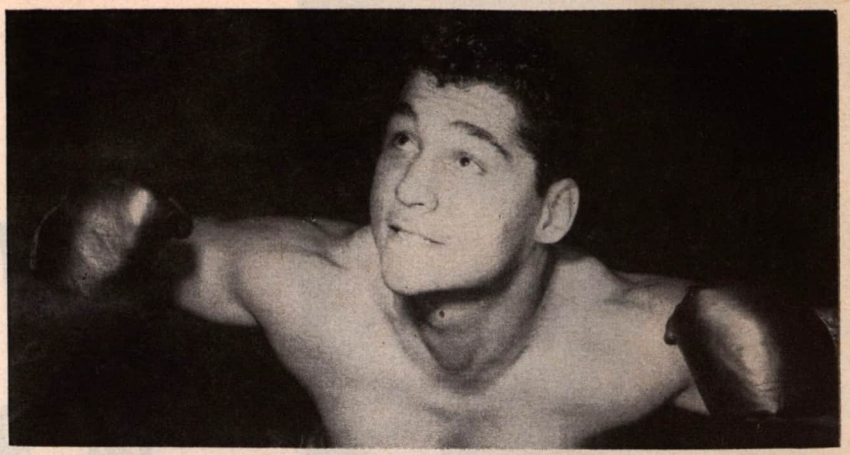
**In International Heavyweight Competition Losses By Eddie Machen, Willie Pastrano And Zora Folley Show New Low In Caliber Of U.S. Contenders**



Willie Pastrano, clever New Orleans boxer, who was stopped by Brian London in a disputed contest in London. Pastrano suffered the first kayo defeat in his career when the fight was halted by the referee due to a cut eye in the fifth round.

# AMERICANS LOSE PRESTIGE

By LEW ESKIN

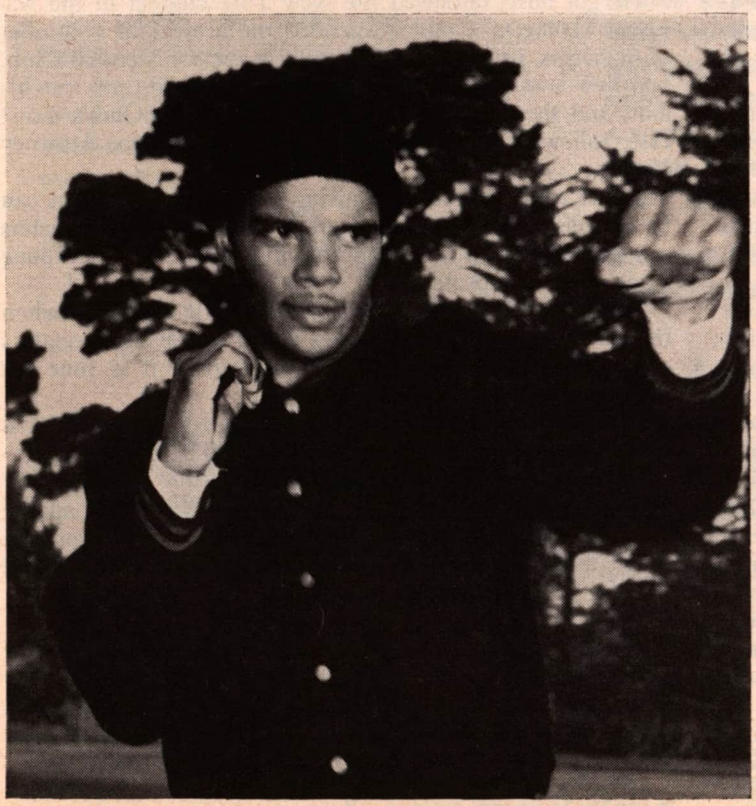
INTERNATIONAL competition has always been a box office boon. This is especially true in boxing and heavyweight fights have meant big attractions.

Since the advent of television in America the international angle has lost some of its appeal in the United States but overseas it is still the number one box office attraction.

Over the years American heavyweights have swept the boards in these matches. When an American was defeated it was usually a case of a second rate Yank fighter brought in to build up a local favorite who would be knocked off.

This year started off following the well worn path. During the first four months, Archie Moore recorded wins in South America over Luis Ignacio and Julio Neves; Willie Pastrano turned back Brian London and Joe Bygraves in England. The London match brought forth some crys that Pastrano had received a gift, but as the fight was fought in London's back yard, these were not seriously considered.

In New Zealand, Chuck Woodworth of Utah, now a Mormon missionary, defeated the Tonga champion Kitione Lave and Cleveland Williams traveled to Wales to win on a disquali-



Eddie Machen, Redding California's pride, who was stunningly knocked out in one round by Sweden's Ingemar Johansson in one of the year's biggest surprises. Machen had not lost a fight before the "Socking Swede" flattened him in one round in Sweden.

fication over Dick Richardson. The only victory scored on home soil was by Pat McMurtry who disposed of the Canadian veteran Vern Escoe.

Maybe this should have been a warning, or should we say the first sign.

During this period victories outside the U. S. were turned in by Heinz Neuhaus and Mino Bozzano over a touring Joey Maxim. In Canada George Chuvalo won over Howard King, while in America, Willi Besmanoff turned back Pat McMurtry and Nino Valdes triumphed over Wayne Bethea and Mike DeJohn. The form chart was still being followed.

During the next two months the wheels began to reverse. Although Moore and Harold Carter recorded wins over Besmanoff and Sonny Liston disposed of Julio Mederos on this side of the pond and Willie Pastrano outboxed Franco Cavicchi in Italy, Nino Valdes kayoed Johnny Summerlin. In Europe Mino Bozzano defeated Joey Maxim and South of the Border Alfredo Zuany tipped over Dave Walker.

Pastrano's win over Cavicchi was to be the last by an American heavyweight until McMurtry was able to outbox Canadian George Chuvalo, over four months later. During this period a total of eight U. S. fighters went down to defeat, most of them odds on favorites.

A strange part to this story concerns the rematch scheduled between Cleveland Williams and Dick Richardson for July 9th, in Porthcawl, Wales. A few days before the fight, Williams asked that the match be called off. He claimed that he heard "Voices" and they told him not to fight. No amount of urging by his manager, trainer or the promoter could change his mind. He had got "a message" and that was that. Even the threat of suspension could not budge the huge Texan from his stand, that the message was clear. "*Do not fight.*"

This gained Williams world-wide fame and gave everybody a hearty laugh, but as it turned out, maybe Cleveland did get a message, one that all the other American heavyweights wished they had received.

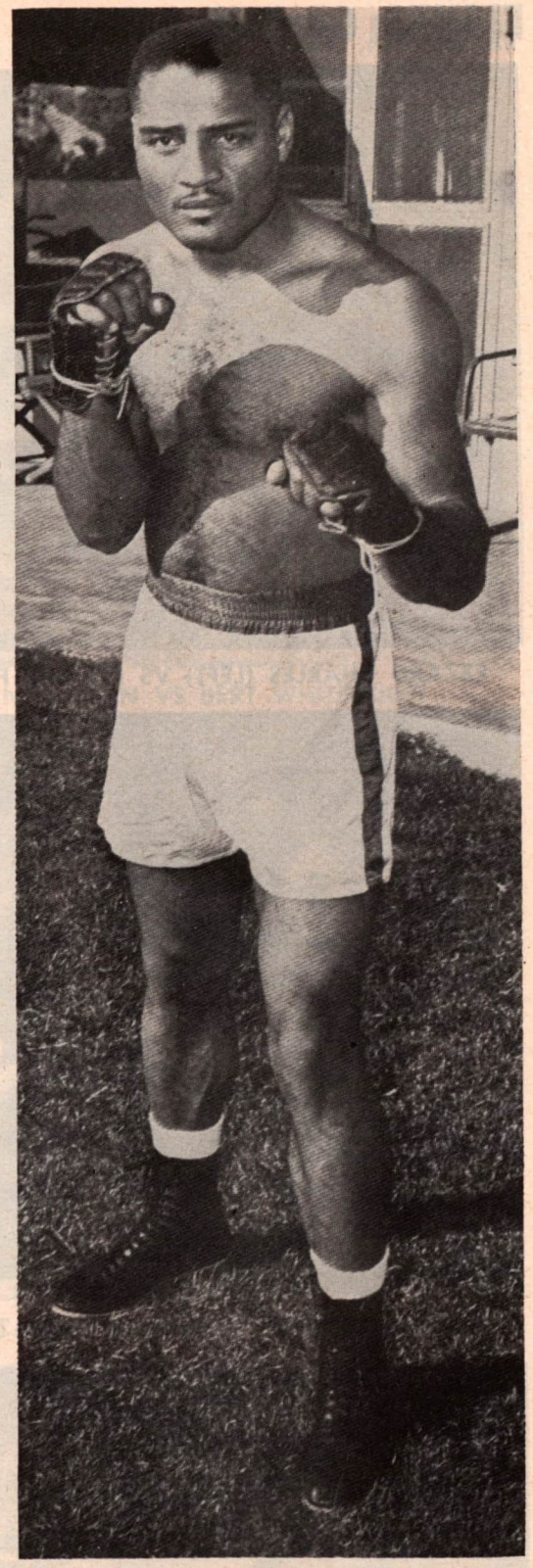
Bob Baker was rushed into the picture as Richardson's foe and was defeated starting the run of eight straight losses. The same night but many hours later due to the difference in time zones, in Spokane, Wash. Harold Carter was on his way to a triumph over Cuban Nino Valdes, when suddenly in the ninth round, he was knocked out.

During the ninety days that followed there was six international matches and in all of these the American boxers went down to crushing defeats. First Valdes repeated his earlier victory over Mike DeJohn in Rochester.

Mexico's hope, Alfredo Zuany, kayoed veteran Sonny Andrews and then handed former champion Ezzard Charles a sound trouncing as Charles was bidding for his second straight win on a comeback. Zuany, the first heavyweight of any importance in Mexico's fistic history, proved that Charles should have remained retired.

The big stunners were Ingemar Johansson's one round kayo over previously undefeated Eddie Machen, in Sweden, in which the Californian was swept off his feet before he could get himself untracked. Then there was the disputed five round kayo recorded by Brian London over Willie Pastrano in their return bout. Pastrano's eye cut, which caused the referee to halt the fight, was not felt to be a serious wound, but nevertheless the fight was stopped and London declared the victor.

As a topper Henry Cooper upset Zora Folley, this fight too was a disputed decision with Cooper floored early in the fight and cut over both eyes awarded the victory. Folley's camp raised a howl that their man should have won as Cooper's wounds were much worse than the cut that brought about Pastrano's defeat.



**Zora Folley, Chandler, Arizona boxer, suffered his first set-back in three years when he lost to Henry Cooper in London. Zora had Cooper on the floor and badly cut up only to lose to his English foe. This was the third of the "big three" American heavyweights who went down to defeat.**

When Pat McMurtry outboxed Canada's George Chuvalo he snapped this long string of Foreign victories, but in the second round of that bout Chuvalo's potent left hooks had Pat rocking and it looked like the American jinx would continue, but McMurtry's experience and fine left hand finely turned the tide back to the U. S. Chuvalo's bleeding from the nose and swallowing blood was another contributing factor to his defeat.

Aside from these triumphs recorded in clashes between top rate and second line men there have been a

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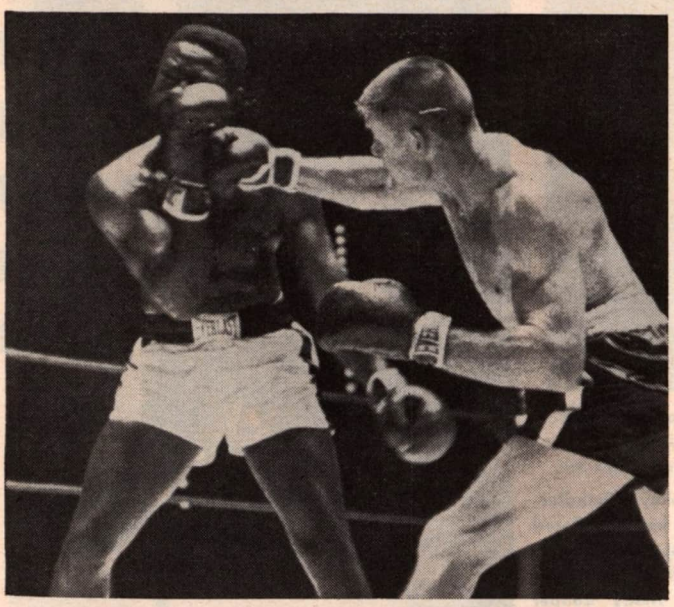


EZZARD CHARLES (LEFT) VS DONNIE FLEEMAN

DAVE CHARNLEY VS CARLOS ORTIZ (RIGHT)

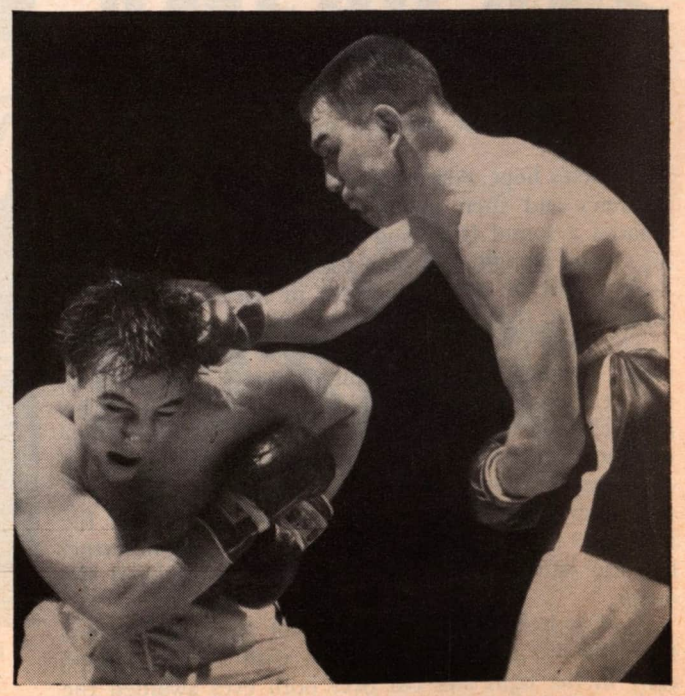
DON GRANT VS CARL "BOBO" OLSON (RIGHT)

THE story behind the photos of the fights of the month! The end of the trail for a once proud champion, Ezzard Charles, at the age of 37. In a contest which we hope terminated his comeback, he took a bad beating from young Donnie Fleeman in Dallas, Texas, and was knocked out in the sixth round. Charles, who looked bad in splitting even in two previous comeback bouts, showed nothing against his light heavyweight opponent who smashed Ezz to the canvas twice and gave him a sound drubbing. The former champ blamed an ankle injury for his poor performance. Although suspended by the Texas Boxing Commission, Ezz says he still wants to fight.

American boxers regained lost prestige abroad when Carlos Ortiz gave southpaw Dave Charnley, the British lightweight champion, a boxing lesson in winning an impressive victory in the farewell contest staged in famed Harringay Arena in London. Ortiz established himself as a top contender for the crown now worn by Joe Brown with his workman-like job in handling the hard hitting lefthander.

Another former champion hit the comeback trail in Oakland, Calif., where Carl 'Bobo' Olson, former 160 pound champion returned to action as a light heavyweight and sent Don Grant to the hospital after giving his foe a bad beating and halting him in the seventh round. Bobo in his next bout will meet Paddy Young whom he defeated for the American title to earn the fight with Randy Turpin for the world championship in 1953. Young, like Olson and Charles is attempting a comeback. Last year as a heavyweight, Olson was kayoed by Pat McMurtry.

Speaking of McMurtry, he made his long awaited National TV debut by handing Canadian champion George



GEORGE CHUVALO VS PAT MCMURTRY (RIGHT)

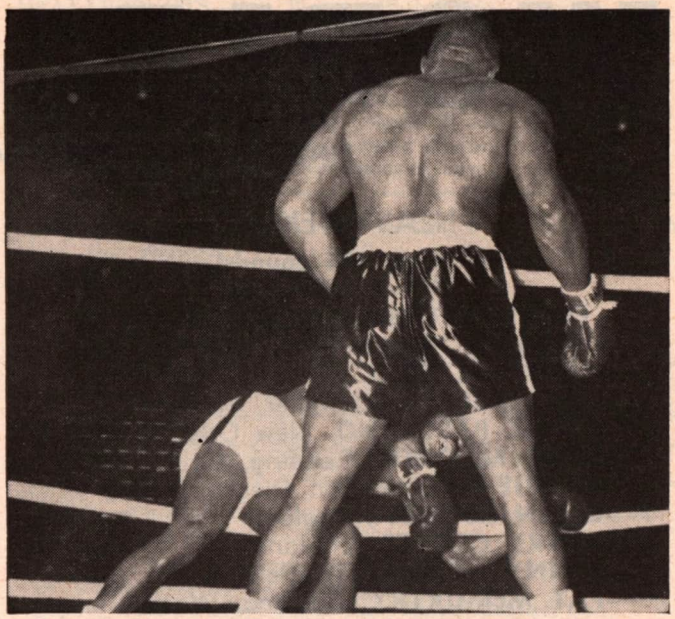
Chuvalo a sound lacing in Madison Square Garden. Pat was rocked and socked by the strong Canadian in the second round but came back to paint a bloody picture on the features of his opponent. McMurtry, while he lacked fire, showed a beautiful left jab. He has the moves of a classic boxer.

Another up-and-coming heavyweight on view during the month, was Charley (Sonny) Liston of Philadelphia, who for the second time this year failed to kayo the trial-horse, Bert Whitehurst, in their St. Louis bout. Bert, the only one to last the limit with the hard punching Liston, just made it this time, as he was knocked out of the ring and saved by the final bell.

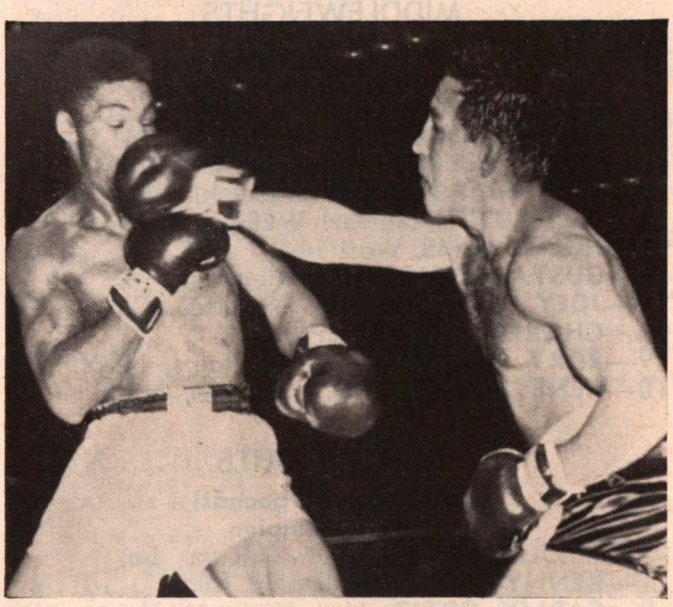
A pair of crowd pleasing middleweights, Rory Calhoun and Franz Szuzina, battled it out in Rochester with Calhoun taking the decision in a good action-filled contest. Rory thus kept alive his hope of regaining a position among the top contenders where he was before hitting the skids early this year.

The rematch between Don Jordan and Gaspar Ortega was as close as their first meeting. This time, after twelve rounds at Long Beach, Calif., Jordan again was rewarded with a split decision that gained him a December 5th match with Virgil Akins for the welterweight title. Don used his speed and sharper punching to offset the aggressive tactics of Ortega who never stopped trying but was wild with most of his punches.

Young Eddie Lynch, the popular favorite of New York's West Side got back on the beam with a nine round kayo over game Charlie Cummings of Philadelphia at St. Nick's in New York. Cummings, a late substitute, tried hard but tired under Lynch's steady attack and was finally stopped.

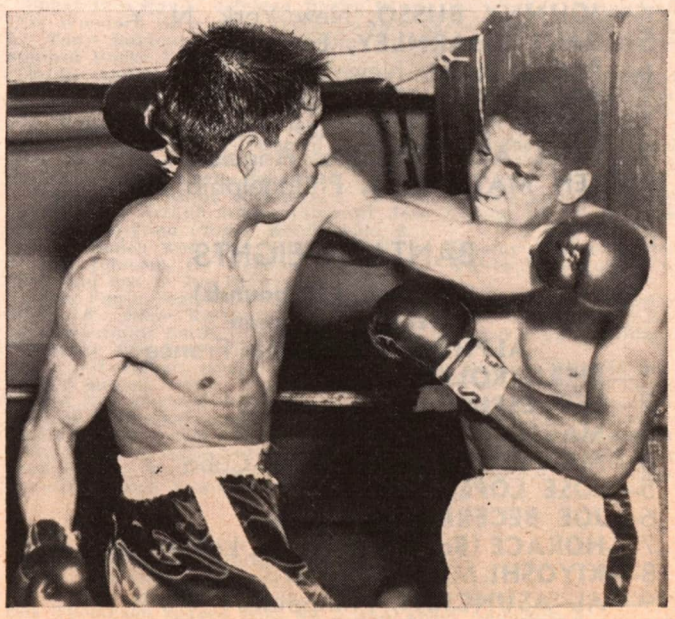


SONNY LISTON VS BERT WHITEHURST



RORY CALHOUN (LEFT) VS FRANZ SZUZINA

CHARLEY CUMMINGS VS EDDIE LYNCH (RIGHT)



GASPAR ORTEGA VS DON JORDAN (RIGHT)

By NAT FLEISCHER

# WORLD RATINGS

**RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 20TH**

## HEAVYWEIGHTS

**(Over 175 pounds)**
**World Champion**
**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
2—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
3—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Arizona
4—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
5—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
6—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
7—**BRIAN LONDON,** England
8—**HENRY COOPER,** England
9—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
10—**PAT McMURTRY,** Tacoma, Wash.

## MIDDLEWEIGHTS

**(Not over 160 pounds)**
**World Champion**
**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Syracuse, N. Y.
2—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**ELLSWORTH (Spider) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
5—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.
6—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
7—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Calif.
8—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
9—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
10—**GENE ARMSTRONG,** Elizabeth, N. J.

## LIGHTWEIGHTS

**(Not over 135 pounds)**
**World Champion**
**JOE BROWN,** New Orleans, La.

1—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
2—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
3—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
4—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.
5—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
6—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
7—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
8—**BOBBY SCANLON,** San Francisco, Calif.
9—**PAUL ARMSTED,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**LEN MATTHEWS,** Philadelphia, Pa.

## BANTAMWEIGHTS

**(Not over 118 pounds)**
**World Champion**
**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France

1—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
2—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
3—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
4—**MANUEL ARMENTEROS,** Cuba
5—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
6—**JOE BECERRA,** Mexico
7—**HORACE (Boots) MONROE,** Los Angeles, Cal.
8—**KIYOSHI MIURA,** Japan
9—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
10—**ROBERTO CASTRO,** Argentina

## LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

**(Not over 175 pounds)**
**World Champion**
**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.

1—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
2—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
4—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
5—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
6—**SONNY RAY,** Chicago, Ill.
7—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
8—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
9—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
10—**JOHNNY HALAFIHI,** Tonga

## WELTERWEIGHTS

**(Not over 147 pounds)**
**World Champion**
**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.

1—**DON JORDAN,** Los Angeles, Calif.
2—**SUGAR HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
4—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
5—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
6—**DEL FLANAGAN,** St. Paul, Minn.
7—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
9—**GERALD GRAY,** Jamaica, BWI.
10—**MICKEY CRAWFORD,** Saginaw, Mich.

## FEATHERWEIGHTS

**(Not over 126 pounds)**
**World Champion**
**HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY,** Nigeria

1—**DAVEY MOORE,** Springfield, O.
2—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Tex.
3—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
4—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
5—**MANOLO GARCIA,** Spain
6—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
7—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
8—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
9—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico
10—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France

## FLYWEIGHTS

**(Not over 112 pounds)**
**World Champion**
**PASCUAL PEREZ,** Argentina

1—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
2—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
3—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
4—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
5—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
6—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
7—**MARIO DeLEON,** Mexico
8—**CARLOS MIRANDA,** Argentina
9—**MASAJI (Lefty) IWAMOTO,** Japan
10—**MIMIN BEN ALI,** Spain

**JOHNNY BUSSO FIGHTER OF THE MONTH**

THE wholesale defeat of American top boxers in Europe a few weeks ago, was followed by a general lull in all divisions. Few of the ranking pugilists got into action during the past month, the most important bouts bringing together world lightweight champion Joe Brown against Johnny Busso of New York; Tony Anthony of New York against Sonny Ray of Chicago in a light heavyweight contest; world featherweight champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey against Carmelo Costa of Brooklyn and Carlos Ortiz of New York facing Dave Charnley, British champion lightweight. Carlos broke the losing streak of the Americans by defeating Charnley by a wide margin.

Ortiz's triumph gained him second place in the lightweight class behind Kenny Lane, while Charnley dropped from third to fifth spot.

Busso's triumph over Brown by a unanimous decision in the spacious new Miami Beach Auditorium, gained for him the "Fighter of the Month Award". Though he beat the champion in their non-title bout, Brown displayed little of his true fighting qualities. He showed little interest besides going through the routine of finishing the ten rounds, yet Busso's feat was sufficient to bring him into the spotlight and he climbed from sixth to fourth post.

In other shifts among the lightweights Duilio Loi dropped from second to third and Al Nevarez of Mexico, who was defeated by Baby Vasquez and Joe Lopes of Sacramento, Calif. who was ordered retired due to a kidney ailment were removed to make room for Paul Armstead of Los Angeles and Len Matthews of Philadelphia who are ranked ninth and tenth respectively.

In the heavyweight division there are no changes over the previous month's rankings. Ingemar Johansson of Sweden retaining his top post and England showing two entrants among the top ten in Brian London, who is ranked seventh and Henry Cooper, eighth.

Erich Schoppner's knockout of Chuck Spieser, another in the many defeats of Americans by foreigners, enabled the German to retain his fourth place in the light heavyweight class.

The top five in the middleweight division remained unchanged. In the bottom half of the class Gustav Scholz of Germany traded posts with inactive Joey Giambra of San Francisco, Scholz going up to sixth and Giambra down to seventh and Rory Calhoun of White Plains and Gene Armstrong of Elizabeth, N. J. also inactive, traded places, Rory back up to nine and Gene down to ten.

Ricardo Moreno of Mexico reentered the ranking ten in the featherweight class and is listed ninth. Cherif Hamia of France, idle, dropped from eighth to tenth and Sergio Caprari of Italy, advanced from ninth to eighth. Ike Chestnut traded places with Ricardo Gonzalez, sixth and seventh respectively.

Only four changes took place in the bantamweight class. Eugene LeCozannet of France has been dropped to make way for South American champion, Roberto Castro of the Argentine Republic, who is listed in tenth position and Horace (Boots) Monroe of Los Angeles, was advanced from tenth to seventh post with Kiyoshi Miura of Japan, loser of the Orient crown to Leo Espinosa, down from seventh to eighth.

Pone Kingpetch of Thailand, who was second, dropped to fourth to be replaced by Young Martin of Spain, the European titleholder, an active fighter who has been meeting top performers in the flyweight class. Dommy Ursua of the Philippines advanced from fourth to third to complete the changes. Ursua will meet Pascual Perez in a championship fight on December, 15th.

## PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

**HEAVYWEIGHTS—Don Warner, Philadelphia, Pa.**
**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS—Chic Calderwood, Scotland**
**MIDDLEWEIGHTS—Ernest (Sonny) Hill, Detroit, Mich.**
**WELTERWEIGHTS—Eddie Jordan, Brooklyn, N. Y.**
**LIGHTWEIGHTS—Dick Kirby, Los Angeles, Calif.**
**FEATHERWEIGHTS—Urtimio (Sugar) Ramos, Cuba**
**BANTAMWEIGHTS—Rogelio Ybarra, Mexico**
**FLYWEIGHTS—Eduardo Hernandez, Mexico**

### HEAVYWEIGHTS

Sonny Liston whipped Bert Whitehurst, 10.
Former world champion Ezzard Charles was stopped by light heavy Donnie Fleeman, 6.
Dick Richardson defeated Garvin Sawyer, 10.
Warnell Lester defeated Clarence Floyd, 8. Ernest Terrell defeated Sid Peaks, 8.
Monroe Ratliff kayoed Tony Emanuel, 9. Bob Biehler stopped Moses Walker, 7. Lee Williams kayoed Richie Norden, 1.
Dan Hodge stopped Ted Poole, 5. Hans Kalbfell halted Ossi Buttner, 6.
Dave Rent defeated Joe LaQuarta, 10. Bill Hunter stopped Norm Bolden, 4. Don Warner kayoed Johnny Odom, 1.

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Erich Schoppner kayoed Chuck Spieser, 5.
Donnie Fleeman halted heavyweight Ezzard Charles, 6.
Bobo Olson returned to action and halted Don Grant, 7.
South American champion Dogomar Martinez retained his title by easily outpointing Mauro Mina, 15.
South African Champion Mike Holt disposed of heavyweight Jan Scheepers, 5.
Kid Sixto Rodriquez whipped Willie Gilbert, 10. Joe Schmolze whipped Al Andrews, 10. Sammy Langford trounced Ron Redrup, 8. Esau Ferdinand outscored Tommy Villa, 8.
Joe DeNucci kayoed Lem Miller, 1. Bobby Hughes defeated Bobby Stininato, 10. Larry Maldonado defeated Orlando DiPietro, 8. Orlando also lost to Dick Lee, 6. Moses Walker was stopped by heavyweight Bob Biehler, 7. Dieter Wemhoner trounced Erwin Hack, 8.
Von Clay and Pat Roberts drew, 6. Chic Calderwood stopped Billy Ellaway, 6.
Ted Poole was stopped by heavyweight Dan Hodge, 5. Clay Thomas stopped Art Holliday, 3. Gilbert Chapron demolished Nic Beaugrand, 1.
Leroy Smith won from Cliff Hawkins, 6. George Price stopped Fred Lewis, 5. Billy Lewis defeated Billy Strickland, 6. Ahmed Boulgroune won on disqualification from Giulio Rinaldi, 4.
Ray Brown won from Dick Anzalone, 6. Tommy Sims beat Tommy Ramirez, 8, and Sonny Moore, 6. Bobby Sand halted Clyde Watson, 3.
Matt Plachy kayoed Ennis Cheatham, 4. Al Antoine kayoed Jack Ramsey, 1. Darrell Layton kayoed Joe Gunther, 1.

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Holly Mims stopped Johnny Cunningham, 7.
Rory Calhoun whipped Franz Szuzina, 10.
Chico Vejar kayoed Lem Harvey, 2.
Wilf Greaves kayoed Billy Tuck, 3. Ubaldo Sacco defeated Hector Rodriguez, 10
Clive Stewart won over Al Williams, 12. Julio Carreras won over Guillermo Diaz, 10. Henry Hank kayoed Sherman Williams, 8. Attu Clottey whipped George Aldrich, 8.
Kid Azteca kayoed Willie Risko, 4. Paul Diaz kayoed Fred Terry, 7, and was stopped by Jorge Castro, 5. Marius Dori scored upset decision over Gilbert Lavoine, 10. Scottish Champion John (Cowboy) McCormack whipped Martin Hansen, 10.
Sugar Boy Nando defeated Rocky Rivero, 10. Paddy Young and Otis Woodard drew, 10. Terry Downes kayoed Mohammed Taibi, 3. Tony Baldoni defeated Young Joe Walcott, 8. Jose Torres stopped Burke Emery, 5.
Eddie Andrews bested Artie Dixon, 10. Don Trainor stopped Mario Nini, 8. Jimmy Remson kayoed Homer Harvey, 1. Joe Cancio whipped Ernie Davis, 10. Willie Green kayoed Willie Wilson, 2, and Bobby Gomez, 5.
Freddie Little kayoed Harold Redman, 2. Gaston Roy defeated Nick Novac, 10. Jesse Smith stopped Andy Anderson, 5. Mickey Brown whipped Little Palma, 10.
Ted Meeks defeated Al Jones, 6. Johnny Morris stopped Bobby Jackson, 4. Arthur Jones won over Jose Zapata, 10. Beau Jack Brown won from Cloyde Ketcherside, 6.
Ernie Smith won over Curtis Coles, 8. Tommy Nee won over Jimmy Johnson, 6. Reybon Stubbs and Walter Tyler drew, 6. Walt had lost to Joe Brewer, 8.
Jesse Fagin beat Dolphus Brown, 6, Brown also lost to Henry White, 6. Blair Richardson kayoed Alf Grant, 3. Fletcher Lee kayoed Frankie Betts, 4. Roscoe Shamblin defeated Johnny Bridges, 6, Johnny also drew with Harry Budnewski, 8.
Jerry Hunnicutt stopped Don Kelly, Hans-Werner Wohlers outfought Manuel Correa, 8, and Michel Masson, 10. Benjamin Lewis kayoed Roy Tugwell, 3. Tommy Della Rocca beat Henry Turner, 6.
Chuck McCreary kayoed Pat McKane, 3, and Alex Ford, 4. Peter Muller halted Dutch Champion Tony Baars, 8, and Max Resch, 6.
Byron Steele kayoed Joe Golden, 4. Joey Archer whipped Ray Sheppard, 8. Mutt Goodwin stopped John Chitmon, 5. Rip White kayoed Frankie Louis, 2.

### WELTERWEIGHTS

Don Jordan edged out Gaspar Ortega, 12.
Denny Moyer outpointed Johnny Saxton, 10.
Adalberto Ochoa defeated Arturo Gonzalez, 10.
L. C. Morgan kayoed Pinky Peralta, 2, and Baby Felix, 2. Fredrick Thompson kayoed Kiki Gil 2, and Angel Ahumada, 4.
Alfredo Cota kayoed Enrique Esqueda, 4. Gomeo Brennan whipped Ray Sheppard, 10. Terry Gill outpointed Albert Carroll, 12.

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# Can Brian London Do It ?

Young Brian London raises hand in victory after winning British heavyweight title last June. Smiling Jack London, his dad, won the same title 13 years before.

LONDON, Eng.—(Special Correspondence).—Fistic history shows that few sons of champions have followed the successful fist-prints of their fathers. Young Bob Fitzsimmons never stepped beyond the shadow of his famed father. Jimmy Wilde's boy David took on a few professional bouts in London nearly thirty years ago, but it was soon agreed here was one David not destined to slay any Goliaths.

Paul Berlenbach, Jack Britton, Mike Gibbons, Jack Sharkey, Jersey Joe Walcott and Dado Marino are just a handful of top fighters whose sons attempted to follow the footsteps of their dads without getting beyond the tip-toe stage. To find boys who have won the same titles as their sires you must look to the British Empire where Brian London, the current British and British Empire heavyweight champion, holds the titles Jack London held between 1944 and 1945.

The Kellys of Londonderry in Northern Ireland produced a similar father and son title combination. Jim Spider Kelly won the British and Empire featherweight titles, outpointing Benny Caplan twenty years ago.

In October, 1954, Billy Spider Kelly took the Empire featherweight crown from Roy Ankarah, and the following January relieved Sammy McCarthy of the British title, thus holding the same two championships boasted by his dad.

George Barnes, Australian winner of the Empire welterweight crown, is the son of Frankie Burns, a former Australian champion.

The sudden appearance of Brian London on the international heavyweight scene is big news here because the 24 year old Brian, who last September beat Willie Pastrano in five rounds, is already a far superior prospect than was his dad. In twenty-five professional fights he has collected around £20,000, which is a heap more than the Old Man earned in some 130 bouts between 1931 and 1944.

Brian London is a strange young man to be in the running for a shot at the world title. He stands 6 feet, and scales around 200 pounds. He is aggressive, rough, and an angry young man who says he likes the fight game as much as he likes small-pox. He hates boxing, but loves the cash it has thrown his way.

**CAN A FIGHT-HATING BOXER GAIN WORLD TITLE?**

Can a boxer with such an outlook reach the top of his profession? London, Sr., says, "I am certain my boy has the makings of a world beater. Yet it was Brian's brother Jack, a year older, in whom the Old Man placed so much hope.

"Jack loves fighting," the father explained. "Brian never liked it. When they were around fifteen and fourteen Jack was the one to box Brian's ears. Brian liked football and cross-country running, and, I confess, he would run rather than fight with kids who tried to poke fun at him. Then one day when

**By FRANK BUTLER**

## Fighter's Sons Are Seldom Chips Off The Old Block When It Comes To Ability But The Battling Briton, Off Recent Form, Looks Like A Sure-Fire Bet To Be A Leading Contender

e was sixteen he was at a dance and another lad, bigger and der, provoked him by sneering at me. Brian nearly killed him. He began to fight more and more after this incident."

By the time Jack, Jr., was twenty and Brian 19, the younger brother had outgrown the other, and was now able to handle Jack with ease.

Brian was still 19 and a Corporal in the Royal Air Force when he won the Amateur Boxing Association's heavyweight title on April 23, 1954. It was the first time the son of a professional heavyweight champion had taken over the British amateur title at the same weight.

He had already won the R.A.F. and Imperial Services championships, and in August 1954 won the Empire Games crown in Vancouver. Even as supreme amateur champion he declared: "I'm in this business for all the cash I can make."

Brian turned professional in March, 1955 and was paid £65 for stopping Dennis Lockton in one round which was exactly sixty-four pounds, eight shillings and sixpence more than his dad received for his first professional fight way back in 1931!

**JACK LONDON ACHIEVED TITLE HONORS AT 31**

There had been tough days in West Hartlepool, the Durham town in North-East England where George Harper was born. George was a big fellow of nearly 200 pounds. He earned a few pounds a week driving a lorry, but there was unemployment throughout Durham in the early Thirties when the angry ship-builders of nearby Gateshead staged a "hunger march" on London as a protest to the Government.

Big George Harper decided to try and earn a few extra pounds by fighting. He adopted as a nom de guerre the name of Jack London. He won and lost fights, but always remained the Cinderella fighter until on September 15, 1944 at the age of 31 and as a sergeant in the Royal Air Force he won the vacant British and Empire heavyweight titles defeating another R.A.F. sergeant Freddie Mills, the light-heavyweight champ.

In becoming champ, London collected only £1,550. He held the titles until July 17, 1945 when Bruce Woodcock knocked him out in six rounds at Tottenham Hotspur football ground in North London, the first of Jack Solomon's promotions. For this he received £4,000, the biggest purse in thirteen years of slugging.

When old Jack was knocked out, his two sons Jack, aged 12, and Brian 11, sat forlorn as their mother consoled them. Jack, between tears, swore he would bring the heavyweight title back into London . . . or rather the Harper . . . family. Brian, white-faced, vowed he would never take up the sport after seeing his father flattened.

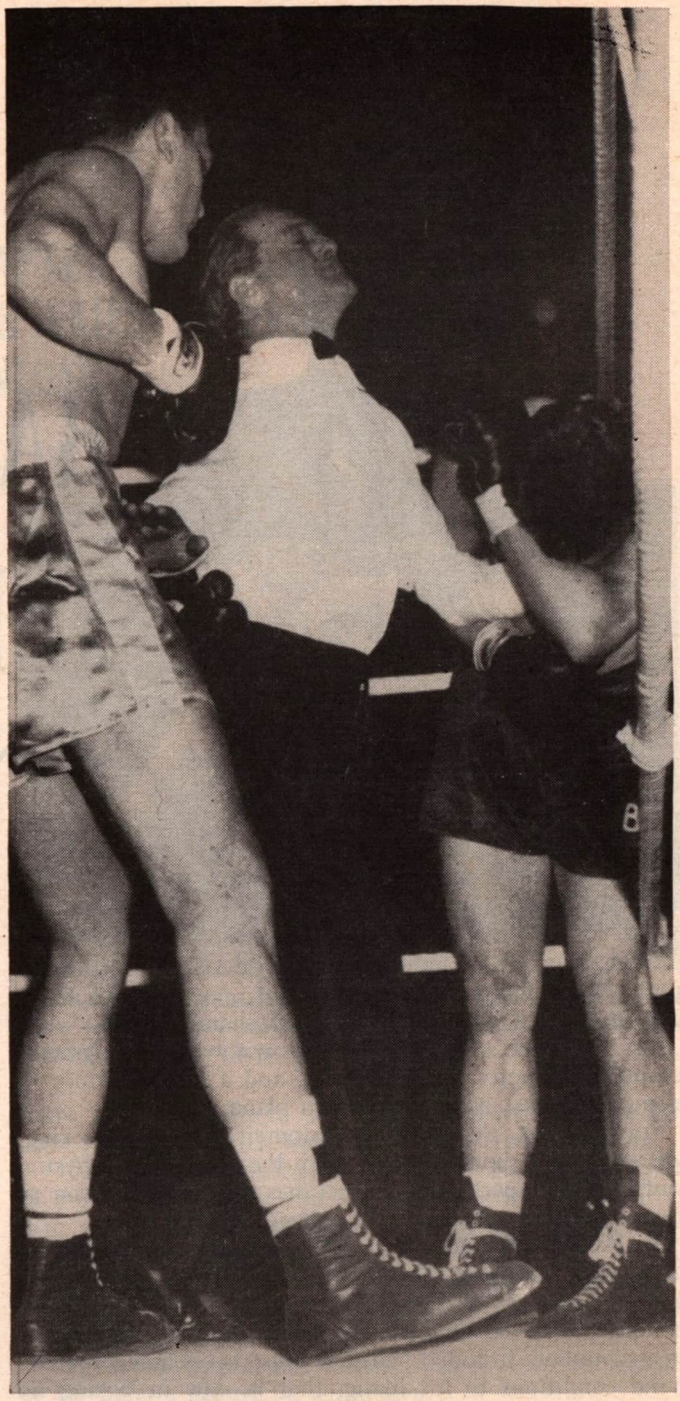
Yet without knowing it his career was to follow in some way the pattern of his father. His dad had served in the R.A.F. at Blackpool, Brian was conscripted into the R.A.F., and stationed at Blackpool where he, his new wife Veronica and his mom and dad still live.

Whereas old Jack struggled all his life to make the grade for chickenfeed, Brian has had early success and early financial reward, now living in a nice house and driving a Mercedes Benz.

How good is Brian London compared with past British heavyweight champions such as Tommy Farr, Bruce Woodcock and Don Cockell? He is a big fellow with a fair punch, capable of resorting to rough tactics when roused. He has potential qualities which make him a greater prospect.

**UP TO BRIAN TO AVENGE KNOCKOUT BY COOPER**

Yet those English boxing fans who long for the day when one of their countrymen will at last follow in the steps of Bob Fitzsimmons by winning the world heavyweight title still ask: "Can London take it?"



**Brian London's most serious defeat was in May 1956 when Henry Cooper (left), recent winner over Zora Folley, stopped him in one round at Empress Hall, London, England. London has come a long way since then. He and Cooper are matched for the Empire Title.**

The British champion can settle many of these doubts if he avenges a defeat by Henry Cooper, who stopped him in two minutes thirty-five seconds of the first round in May, 1956. Cooper landed a left hook smack on London's large lantern jaw.

Briant didn't go down, but he was out on his feet, and never threw another punch. The referee stopped the fight with London's head bowed as he accepted defeat.

Immediately, there was an outcry that he had quit cold. Old Jack London protested against those who charged the boy had a yellow streak. The writer was in Brian's dressing room immediately after the fight. Brian, brother Jack and Papa London were all close to tears, but Brian was fighting mad. He punched his fists together, and blamed himself.

"What a sucker I am," he shouted, "falling for a punch like that. Everything just went black, but it won't happen

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Harold Barnes

# BARNES NO JUDGE OF FACTS

By DAN DANIEL

IN April 1921, Harold Barnes, who now is 63 years of age, an optometrist located in the Flushing section of the city of New York, obtained from the New York State Boxing Commission a license as a judge of fights.

For 37 years Barnes pursued this labor of love in the interest of what he must have considered a worthwhile sport. He officiated in 6,000 fights, one-third of them main events, of which 100 involved championships.

For 37 years, Barnes operated with keen judgment, scrupulous honesty, high integrity, and a fervent desire to keep professional boxing on a high plane.

For 37 years, the Flushing optometrist sat at the ringside while, in a sport in which, with the most direct physical contact of all sports, men sometimes were hurt. Even as they sometimes are injured in college football.

As Barnes officiated, year after year, he found boxing doing everything possible to set up protective factors and safer equipment. He saw the incidence of serious injury reduced. Since he retained his license, and accepted regular assignments to judge fights, it must be assumed that he found conditions to his liking, that he saw in boxing no reasons for retiring therefrom, and that he was aroused to no pitch of feeling that the sport should be outlawed.

As Barnes long has been successful in his profession, he was not forced to remain a boxing judge through financial necessity. True, there were honoraria. He got $50 for most of his jobs in the Garden, approximately $30 when he served in the smaller St. Nicholas Rink, and in the neighborhood of $150 when he judged a championship fight.

However, Barnes unquestionably regarded these payments as mere pleasant pickups, and beyond all question, accepted his assignments out of a love for boxing, a strong desire to see fights judged fairly and squarely, and a powerful feeling that what he was doing in boxing did not demean him as an optometrist, as a citizen, as a man with humane feelings and the higher human instincts.

Then, of a sudden, Barnes turned his back on an avocation which for more than a generation had held his keen interest. In the Saturday Evening Post of date October 25, 1958, there appeared an article titled *"Let's Abolish Boxing,"* by Harold Barnes as told to Al Silverman.

If, for 37 years, boxing had not been so cruel as to arouse his antipathies, why had Barnes taken this stand at age 63, with 37 years of work as a judge behind him?

Sometimes we arrive at our best judgments with maturity. Certainly Barnes had reached that stage of his mental development long before 1958.

If, as Barnes insisted in the magazine article, boxing had reached a point at which he no longer felt he could support it, had it fallen into moral turpitude and physical derogation within the year 1958? Why the belated judgment against the sport?

What had prompted Barnes to find in boxing, at age 63 with 37 years of judging behind him, factors which he had failed to discern at age 50? Certainly boxing had not degenerated physically or morally within the last 13 years.

Now, let us examine a very interesting fact. Articles in the Saturday Evening Post are arranged for months in advance.

Barnes, his mind conceivably loaded with doubts about the wisdom of permitting professional boxing to continue, last operated as a judge, and an agent of the New York Commission, on August 22, 1958, in the Garden in New York. Gil Turner beat Stefan Redl that night.

Is it conceivable that on August 22, 1958, while accepting pay as a judge, and giving his physical and moral support to boxing, Barnes already had made his deal with the Saturday Evening Post for publication of *"Let's Abolish Boxing?"*

The Turner-Redl fight was the twelfth in which Barnes had been a judge in the year 1958. His total payments for the year came to $550.

In 1957, he worked in thirteen fights, for $650, and in 1956, he judged a dozen contests for $520.

In three years as a judge Barnes collected the none too impressive total of $1,720 for judging 37 fights. This impels us to call for better pay for the judges, and to clinch the conclusion that Barnes did not do the judging out of financial necessity. Not that the factor of necessity would absolve him. But men sometimes do strange things, against their better judgment, when it comes to getting the wherewithal to pay for every day essentials.

To quote a lot of statistics to prove that boxing is not the terribly dangerous sport its derogators say it is would be easy, but boresome, and unnecessary.

# ATTACK ON BOXING AFTER 37 YEARS AS OFFICIAL IN NEW YORK FAILS TO PRESENT CONVINCING CASE TO ANYONE

To point out that boxing is a sport fostered by our colleges, by the Military and Naval Academies, by the Army, Navy, Marine, Air Corps and other branches of our military setup, also is superfluous.

In his magazine piece, Barnes points to a few fights which he believes to have been phonies. For example, the affair between Jake La Motta and Robert Villemain of France, on March 25, 1949. The Flushing eye and spectacles man was a judge that night.

La Motta got the decision and was said to have resented it.

Says Barnes, via Silverman, in the Post, *"To this day I think that Jake La Motta wanted to lose that fight. . . . I must say he didn't look very happy about winning.*

*"Most of the 11,491 people at the Garden that night, including all of the newspapermen, thought Villemain had earned the win. I gave it to La Motta, six-five-one. Harry Ebbets, the referee, backed me up with a six-four-two verdict. Judge Charlie Shortell saw Villemain the winner.*

*"The way I saw it, while La Motta tried to lose, he couldn't make it bad enough. Villemain's punches, when they landed, were powder-puffy. It would have been easy to award Villemain the fight, but I couldn't in good conscience do it."*

Now, there is a situation for you! He felt it was a fake and yet he introduces into this situation his **"good conscience."** If, as a judge and a representative of the Boxing Commission and a watch dog for the entire boxing public, with stress on the 11,491 paying guests, Barnes thought that La Motta was not trying to win, why didn't he step out and holler?

Why, with so slim a margin favoring Jake, in his judicial mind, did Barnes see fit to reward a man whose bona fides he felt impelled to doubt?

In view of the fact that Harold Barnes for so many years was a faithful official in boxing, that his very presence as a judge lent to any fight extra prestige, The Ring Magazine finds it extremely difficult and distasteful to castigate the misguided optometrist.

But, once again, we must refer to Barnes' maturity and ability to make decisions for himself.

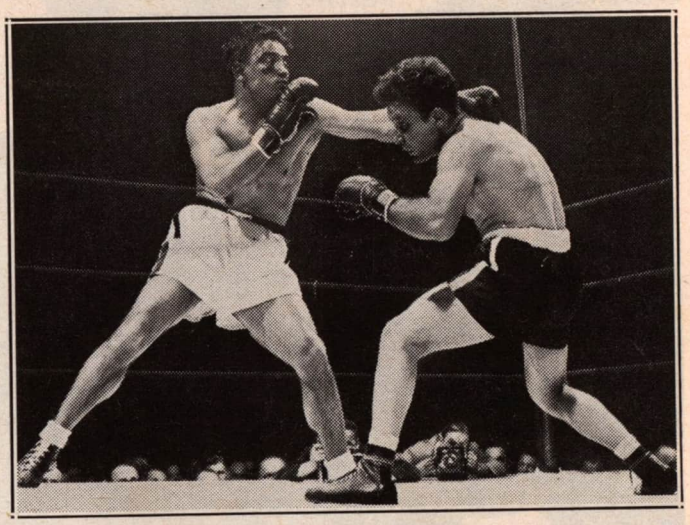
Despite Barnes' attack on boxing, he could have stayed on the New York Commission's roster of officials. Whether he would have drawn any more assignments is another matter.

However, on October 21, Barnes resigned as a judge with this letter to Julius Helfand, chairman of the Commission:

*"Dear Commissioner:*

*"After reading some of the publicity following publication of my article in the Saturday Evening Post, I have arrived at two conclusions:*

*"(1) I owe you a sincere apology for I have omitted to mention the splendid job you have done to provide improved safeguards for boxers. Nor have I mentioned your success, in face of great odds, in your battle with the fight mob. It is rather late to mention these things now but I do want you to know that these omissions were inadvertent.*



**Jake LaMotta (right) won decision over Robert Villemain. Said Barnes in recent article: *"I must say he (LaMotta) didn't look very happy about winning"*. This shows a great perceptive quality.**

*"(2) Having a high regard for your long successful record as a public servant it was not my intention to embarrass you, or any of your colleagues. Continuing on your staff might do this very thing!*

*"It seems apparent that some sports writers hope for a controversial rhubarb. I am sure neither of us want this to take place.*

*"Therefore, it is my desire that my application for renewal of my judge's license be withdrawn.*

*"With deep appreciation for the kindnesses and confidence you imposed upon me and with sincere personal regards,*

Respectfully yours,
Harold R. Barnes

The Barnes indictment of boxing as a physical menace aroused Dr. Mal Stevens, chairman of the Medical Advisory Board of the New York Commission. Dr. Stevens, one-time Yale football player and coach, sent this letter to the Saturday Evening Post:

*"Many statements in Harold Barnes' article on "Let's Abolish Boxing" as told to Al Silverman, and presumably edited by The Saturday Evening Post, are not factual and are misleading.*

*"The occupational hazards of boxing have been magnified. For instance, in 1957, no professionals have died in the ring in America. Fewer serious injuries occur in professional boxing than in other sports such as hockey, football, polo, skiing and auto racing.*

*"There is always room for improvement, but the New York State Athletic Commission has pointed the way to*

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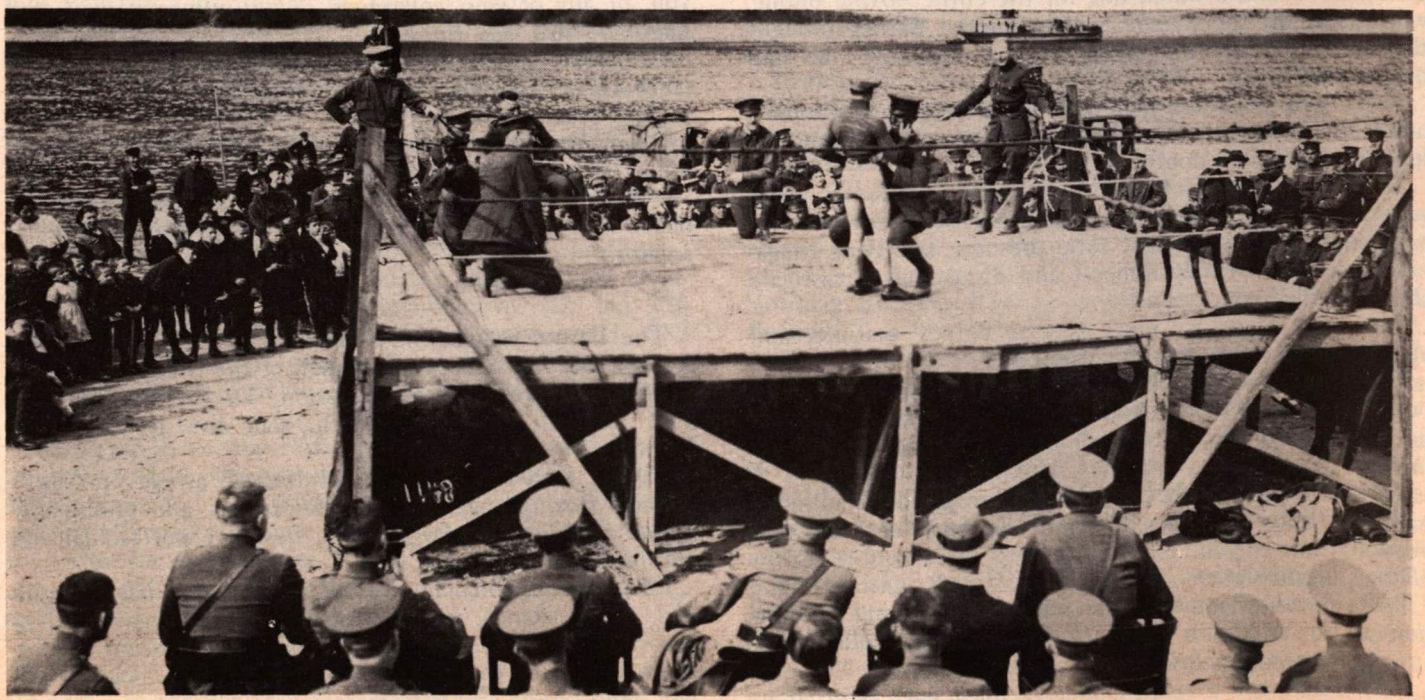
# FLASHBACKS

**Camera Shots Plucked From The Pages Of Boxing's "Good Old Days."**

Memphis Pal Moore, conqueror of world champions but never a champion himself, embarks with his wife for bout with French bantam king Charley Ledoux in London in 1919. When Ledoux was unable to fight, Moore knocked out substitute Eugene Criqui, who went on to become world featherweight champion.

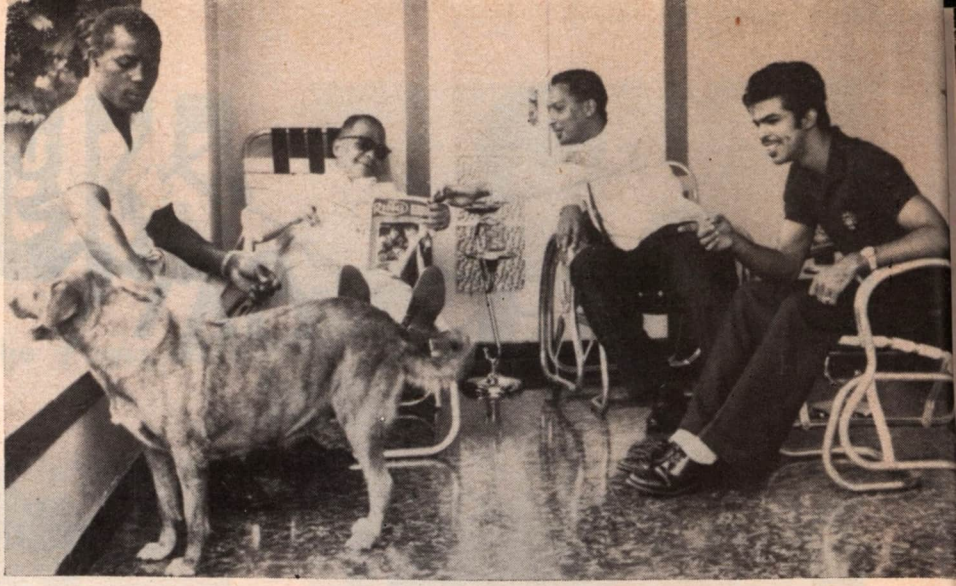
His ring career ended, ex-flyweight title-holder Fidel LaBarba (right) entered Stanford University. As captain of freshman squad in 1927, LaBarba is seen mapping strategy with teammate for "mud fight" with sophomores.



Former world batamweight champion Johnny Coulon defies a husky American soldier to lift him off his feet in Andernach, Germany, in 1921. Coulson's "trick" was to press finger behind ear of his "opponent," affecting his balance and leverage. It thwarted all attempts, even by powerful heavyweights, to raise him off the floor.

# BOXING'S BATTING AVERAGES

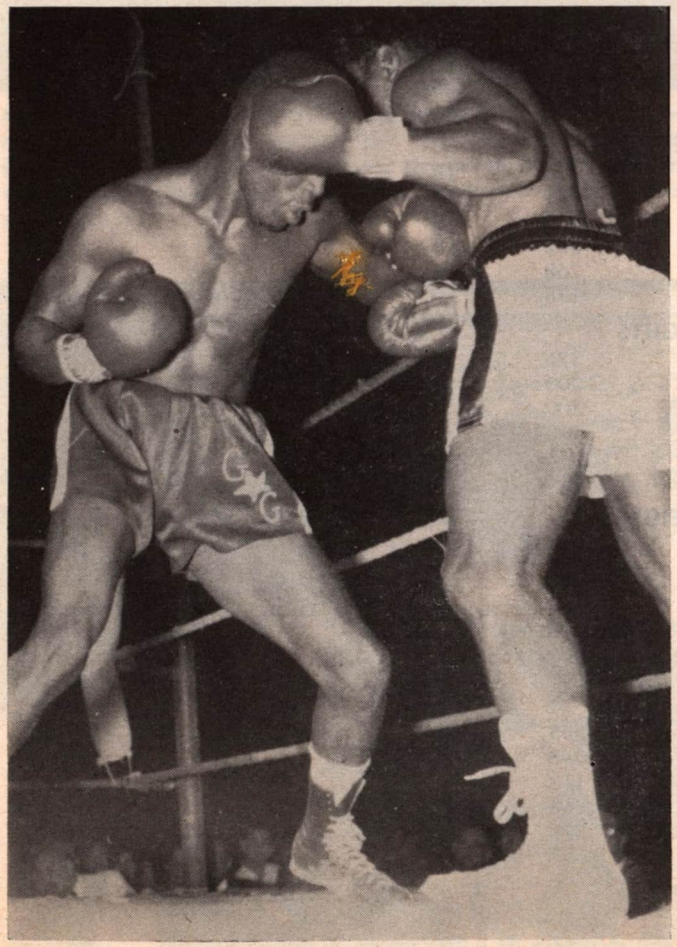
| NAMES | TOTAL FIGHTS | WON | WINNING PERCENT | KO'S | KO PERCENT | LOST | DRAWS | KO'ED BY | NO DECISIONS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **HEAVYWEIGHTS** | | | | | | | | | |
| FLOYD PATTERSON | 35 | 34 | .971 | 24 | .686 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ingemar Johansson | 21 | 21 | 1.000 | 13 | .619 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nino Valdes | 63 | 46 | .730 | 32 | .508 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Zora Folley | 46 | 41 | .891 | 26 | .565 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Willie Pastrano | 59 | 48 | .814 | 10 | .169 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Eddie Machen | 26 | 24 | .923 | 16 | .615 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS** | | | | | | | | | |
| ARCHIE MOORE | 204 | 174 | .853 | 126 | .613 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Tony Anthony | 43 | 36 | .835 | 29 | .688 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Harold Johnson | 64 | 56 | .875 | 25 | .391 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Yvon Durelle | 92 | 73 | .793 | 36 | .391 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Erich Schoppner | 24 | 23 | .959 | 13 | .581 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mike Holt | 42 | 33 | .786 | 22 | .524 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| **MIDDLEWEIGHTS** | | | | | | | | | |
| RAY ROBINSON | 150 | 140 | .940 | 91 | .607 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Carmen Basilio | 73 | 53 | .726 | 26 | .356 | 13 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Gene Fullmer | 51 | 47 | .937 | 21 | .432 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Joey Giardello | 95 | 75 | .789 | 25 | .264 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Spider Webb | 33 | 29 | .879 | 15 | .455 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Holly Mims | 67 | 45 | .672 | 11 | .164 | 16 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| **WELTERWEIGHTS** | | | | | | | | | |
| VIRGIL AKINS | 69 | 50 | .725 | 29 | .420 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Don Jordan | 52 | 41 | .788 | 14 | .269 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sugar Hart | 30 | 25 | .833 | 20 | .667 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Gaspar Ortega | 59 | 44 | .746 | 19 | .322 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Isaac Logart | 69 | 54 | .781 | 19 | .268 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| Ralph Dupas | 87 | 71 | .816 | 12 | .138 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| **LIGHTWEIGHTS** | | | | | | | | | |
| JOE BROWN | 98 | 72 | .734 | 32 | .326 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 2 |
| Kenny Lane | 60 | 54 | .900 | 12 | .200 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Carlos Ortiz | 30 | 28 | .933 | 9 | .300 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Duilio Loi | 105 | 98 | .933 | 20 | .190 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnny Busso | 43 | 35 | .833 | 15 | .347 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dave Charnley | 35 | 30 | .857 | 18 | .514 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **FEATHERWEIGHTS** | | | | | | | | | |
| HOGAN (KID) BASSEY | 64 | 53 | .828 | 19 | .297 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Davey Moore | 39 | 33 | .846 | 14 | .359 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Paul Jorgensen | 77 | 68 | .883 | 24 | .311 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Flash Elorde | 58 | 43 | .739 | 17 | .284 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Gracieux Lamperti | 38 | 33 | .868 | 17 | .457 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Manolo Garcia | 87 | 63 | .732 | 32 | .367 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 |
| **BANTAMWEIGHTS** | | | | | | | | | |
| ALPHONSE HALIMI | 23 | 22 | .957 | 13 | .365 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Piero Rollo | 46 | 38 | .826 | 16 | .348 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Leo Espinosa | 51 | 40 | .784 | 6 | .118 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Mario D'Agata | 57 | 49 | .860 | 21 | .368 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Manuel Armenteros | 82 | 54 | .659 | 32 | .390 | 24 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Jose Lopez | 59 | 51 | .864 | 30 | .517 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| **FLYWEIGHTS** | | | | | | | | | |
| PASCAL PEREZ | 50 | 49 | .980 | 34 | .680 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ramon Arias | 13 | 10 | .769 | 2 | .154 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pone Kingpetch | 6 | 5 | .833 | 1 | .167 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Young Martin | 67 | 54 | .805 | 22 | .325 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Dommy Ursua | 28 | 18 | .643 | 14 | .500 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ramon Calatayud | 23 | 16 | .696 | 0 | .000 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 |



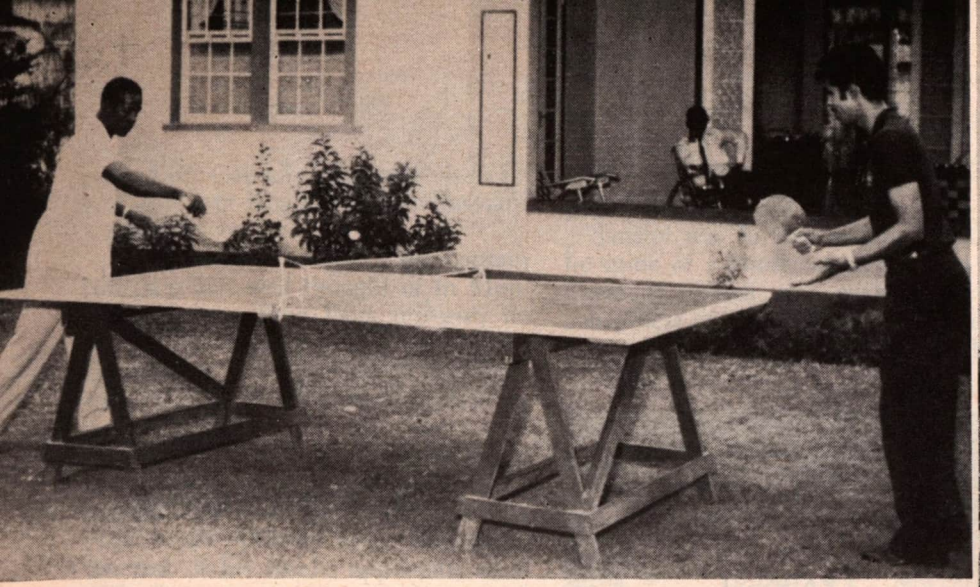
Catching up on their favorite reading are Gerald Gray and his manager Allan Isaacs (left). Above: Manager Isaacs points out something of interest to Ring correspondent Ken Jones as Gerald and a friend enjoy the company of Gray's pet dog on the porch of Gerald's home.

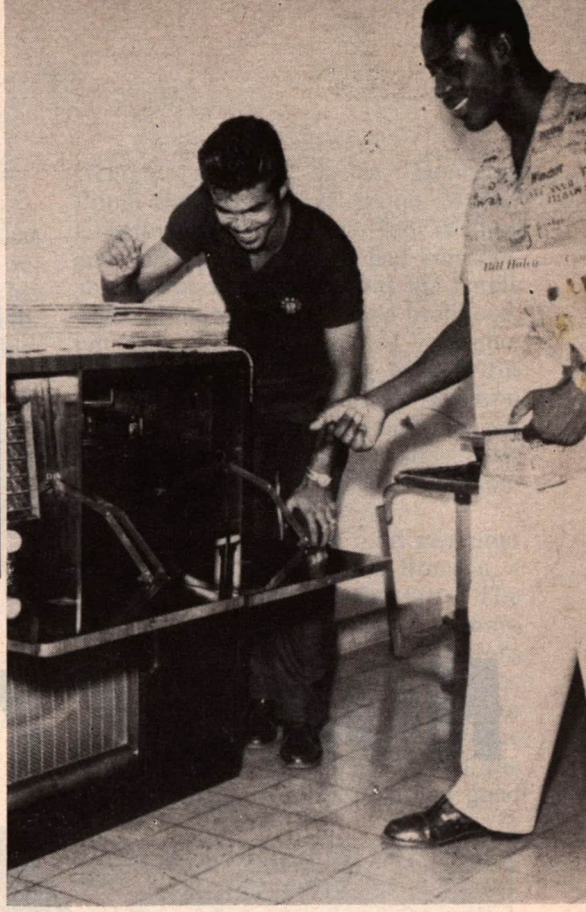
# Gerald "King" Gray of Jamaica

By NAT LOUBET



Gray drives a hard left to the body of Cuba's Isaac Logart during their recent ten round bout that ended in a draw, a moral victory for the Jamaican champion against the top ranking Cuban. An aggressive fighter, Gray carried the action against the clever Logart.





**Gerald enjoys other sports and good music as he is shown relaxing (above) and (right) by playing a game of ping-pong and listening to records with his friend. Gray likes "Rock and Roll" and Bill Haley is one of his favorites.**

THE sultry town of Sav-la-mar in Jamaica buzzed with excitement the week the people were to see Al White in action. Al was the clever welterweight champion of Jamaica—ringwise, shifty and armed with a sneak right. Fight fans were going to see him against another well-known fisticuffer. But their hopes fell when White's billed opponent reported that he would not be able to make the date.

The disappointed promoter scurried all over town trying to get a substitute, but Sav-la-mar didn't have a single pro fighter within its borders. In desperation they grabbed the first willing man who seemed physically fit. They put him in a training camp for four days and turned him loose against the champ. That willing customer was Willie Gray, son of the local preacher. He never before had donned a pair of mittens. He had had a handful of side-walk scraps, out of which he always emerged the victor.

That night in 1950 the cheering crowd in the Town Hall went home rejoicing and bearing Willie aloft. He hadn't won, but he had done sufficient to get a draw after 8 hectic rounds. That was how it all started. From that point on the rugged Jamaican was to blast his way up the ladder, spilling favourites right and left, winning the title of his country and then to carve a niche in history as the first Jamaican to win a place in The Ring Magazine ratings.

Gray, whose fighting monicker is Gerald, was born William Norman Gray in 1932, September 12. He was the sixth among a dozen children reared by Hezekiah, the local parson, and his wife Gladys. At the age of 8 Gerald lost his dad, and the struggle to keep the wolf from the door became a grim one, in which he, the only boy among the children, had to play a major role. He credits to those tough days the fighting spirit and courage for which he has become known.

### GERALD TRIES HIS HAND AT A LOT OF THINGS

Gerald quit primary school when he was 16 years old, tried his hand at cabinet-making. Later he became a member of a fishing crew. After a year he found more profitable employment loading sugar on the waterfront. That was hard work, too. Two men had to hoist bags weighing 200 pounds and when 55,000 bags had to be loaded in a 5-day week it was back-breaking work. But it also built muscles on the boy's frame.

When he wasn't toting sugar bags, Gray was swimming. He was a favourite on the beach, and one day he turned hero by carrying out a handy piece of rescue work when a boy and a girl got into trouble in the deep waters around the pier.

Always on the alert for better jobs, Gerald next turned to cooking, and it was while he was thus engaged that he got the White match and began learning the techniques of boxing.

Heartened by his draw with White, Gerald next took on Shifting Shadow of Spanish Town and disposed of him in the first heat. The second match with White was before a packed house and this time Al's cleverness put him ahead —for 7 rounds, that is. Then in the last round Gray caught him with a right and ended the affair. Gerald rounded up that year—1950—by whipping White a third time. For 4 years after that he never got another bout.

In 1954 there began a boxing boom in Jamaica's capital city—Kingston. Not many folks had heard about White's three defeats by Gray in Sav-la-mar. But the promoters had and then invited the country boy to show his wares in the city in March 1955.

In his city debut Gerald stopped the up-coming Herman Weiss, Al White's kid brother: and sent out word that he was interested in meeting White a fourth time.

### GERALD LEARNED LESSON IN KINGSTON FIGHT WITH WHITE

In April 1955 the match was made for ten rounds. White again proved himself classier than his much less experienced foe. But Gray's great strength kept him plugging away and holding his own. Then mid-way the seventh round Gerald stole a quick glance to see why his trainer was shouting at him, and in that split second White fired a right hand and sent him skidding on his pants. He had to hang on and only his enormous courage and strength took him to the finish and the wrong end of a points decision.

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By TED CARROLL

# NORWAY'S Golden Bantam

SINCE the appellation was first hung on Jack De Mave, old time heavyweight many years ago, "**Golden Boys**" have come and gone, although most of them turned out to be of purest brass when assayed in first line competition. Most recent of these is Art Aragon, Pacific Coast nominee for this flattering term, who while his ability was hardly gilt edged, as one of the best attractions in California boxing history, he played a golden tune on the turnstiles of California boxing promoters for many years.

Today all eyes are turning towards the Scandinavian peninsula where Sweden's Ingemar Johansson is the newest prospective "Golden Boy" of the boxing business. If this happens to be so, old time boxing people in and around New York City should undergo some memory stirrings of another "Nordic" import of three decades ago, who although on a limited scale, both in appearance and at the box office, rated the cognomen of "Golden Boy." Perhaps "Golden Bantam" would be more precise, for back in the late Twenties, Pete Sanstol of Norway was a glittering ornament in a division, which even in his time, still rated as one of the most exciting of the boxing classes.

Sanstol was further unique in that fighting to him always seemed to be a joy, an exhilarating experience, which made him a great favorite.

Sanstol first appeared in the States under the wing of the cosmopolitan Lew Burston, who in his caperings about the European continent came upon the baby-faced blond youngster in Berlin. After a couple of Paris showings, Lew headed back to the U. S. with Stanstol, settled him in a Norwegian colony in Brooklyn, N. Y., and within a year, the boy had established himself as a small-club promoters' treasure.

Making his debut in 1927 at the old Ridgewood Grove, he was an immediate "smash hit." His huge mop of yellow hair, beaming smile, flashy aggressive style, and pleasing personality, packed the Grove, the old Broadway Prospect Hall, and other local clubs of the area after the fans first look at him.

### MADE FINE START IN HIS AMERICAN CAMPAIGN

Opposing local talent and neighborhood heroes during the first year of his American campaign, Sanstol won thirteen of his fourteen fights, his only loss coming in a "foul" ending. It was the same story in 1928. Rarely venturing out of Brooklyn, where by this time he had become the darling of the Borough's Norwegian residents, he won twenty-six of twenty-seven bouts.

In 1929 and 1930 Sanstol continued to confine himself to the Brooklyn-New York circuit. He fought fifty times in the Ridgewood Grove alone and years later promoters Flatto and Hamer were quick to admit, "*We only needed one fighter to make the club a paying proposition—Pete Sanstol.*"

In a sense, Sanstol's real ability was somewhat obscured by his great popularity in one particular locality. Because of this, he concentrated the major part of his boxing in the borough of Brooklyn and since the opposition was local in character, his reputation did not become international until the latter part of his career.

This was an indirect result of an illness which sidelined him for several months, sending him up to Nova Scotia for recuperation. There stimulated by the crisp climate and an environment reminiscent of his native Norway, he became so impressed with Canada that he proceeded to Montreal and it was in that city that he showed his true worth as a bantamweight title contender.

### CANADIANS PLEASED BY HIS SPECTACULAR STYLE

The Canadians were carried away by Sanstol's spectacular style and picturesque ring presence. So much so that by some manner of reasoning, following a most impressive victory over cagy Archie Bell of Brooklyn on May 20, 1931, the little Norseman was dubbed "Bantamweight Champion of Canada" since this win had followed a victory over Canada's best bantam, Bobby Leitham, also in Montreal.

A clamor arose in this part of the Dominion for a chance at the world's title for the adopted idol, who had cap-

tivated the Canucks as completely as he had won over Brooklyn's Scandinavians a few years before.

Al Brown, the holder of the bantam title, was also well thought of in Montreal. A long time Paris resident, he favored the French atmosphere of the Canadian city, and the match was made with the title at stake, to take place on August 8, 1931.

Brown was not only a smart boxer and a dangerous hitter, he was a ring oddity who while almost six feet tall, could make 118 pounds. This made the task of his stubby opponents most difficult.

It was in this fight that Sanstol showed the talent so long monopolized by New York's small club circuit, to the boxing world. Brown was lucky to win.

The consensus after the fight was that Sanstol who put on a rousing finish in the fifteen round setto, had won six rounds to six for Brown with three even. However, most observers seemed to feel that the contest was too close for a title to change hands. By such a microscopic margin did Pete Sanstol miss the bantamweight championship of the world.

He continued fighting for two more years, with considerable success but never got another chance at the title. In seven years of battling from 1927 through 1933 his record shows but six losses in eighty-nine engagements.

**SON OF A FAMILY OF WEALTH; HAD FINE DRAWING TALENT**

Sanstol was further unusual in that he came of a family of wealth and refinement, which was evident in his courtliness of manner and alert intelligence. Like many other boxers notably, Georgie Abrams, Jackie Donovan, Primo Carnera, George Araujo, Mickey Crawford, Jimmy Bivins, Joe Welling and Mickey Walker, he had considerable talent for drawing and his family wished him to follow art as a livelihood, but the athletically inclined youngster turned to amateur boxing back in his home town of Moi, Norway. He won the amateur championship and then set out upon the professional career that was to culminate in a world's championship fight far across the seas.

Among those holding fond memories of Sanstol is veteran Jimmy Bronson, a longtime associate of Burston. The essence of "eclat" himself, Bronson speaks in glowing terms of Sanstol's pleasant demeanor and cultured ways.

*"He was a little gentleman, a warm and friendly little fellow, who everyone liked a great deal. As a fighter, well, the Brown fight was the tipoff on how good he really was. How many people ever made it that close with that long and lanky fellow?"*

A linguist, whose English was unusually fluent, Sanstol lived for some years in Alaska, married there, and now after years of wandering, is back home in his native Norway.

While Danish-born Kid Williams and Battling Nelson won world championships, they were American bred boxers, unlike Sanstol who is considered an important rather than a U. S. product. Few Scandinavians have fought for world boxing titles although it is highly probable that Johansson will eventually gain this objective thereby becoming the first since Sanstol in twenty-seven years.

# THE "INDIAN" SIGN

## Sonny Ray's "Hex" on Jesse Bowdry Recalls Many Historic Cases of Inferior Fighters Who Have Exerted Strange Mastery Over More Highly Rated Rivals

WHEN the unexpected happens, it's usually regarded as an accident. When it happens again, it may be tabbed as a coincidence. When it happens a third time, it's neither an accident nor a coincidence. It's become a habit.

In boxing, they call it the "Indian Sign."

To American aborigines, an "Indian Sign" could be either for good or evil—a blessing bestowed or a curse invoked by the tribal medicine man.

In this rugged trade, an "Indian Sign" has come to describe the strange power an inferior fighter may exert over a more talented rival.

Ring history is loaded with notable cases of the "Indian Sign" in operation. Even world champions have been victims.

A current case of one ringster having the "Indian Sign" on a more highly regarded opponent involves light-heavyweights Sonny Ray of Chicago and Jesse Bowdry of St. Louis.

Out of a total of 72 bouts as amateur and professional, Bowdry has suffered only three defeats—and all three have been administered by Ray, the last two by knockouts.

Yet off their respective fistic qualifications and overall records, Ray wouldn't appear to belong in the same ring with Bowdry.

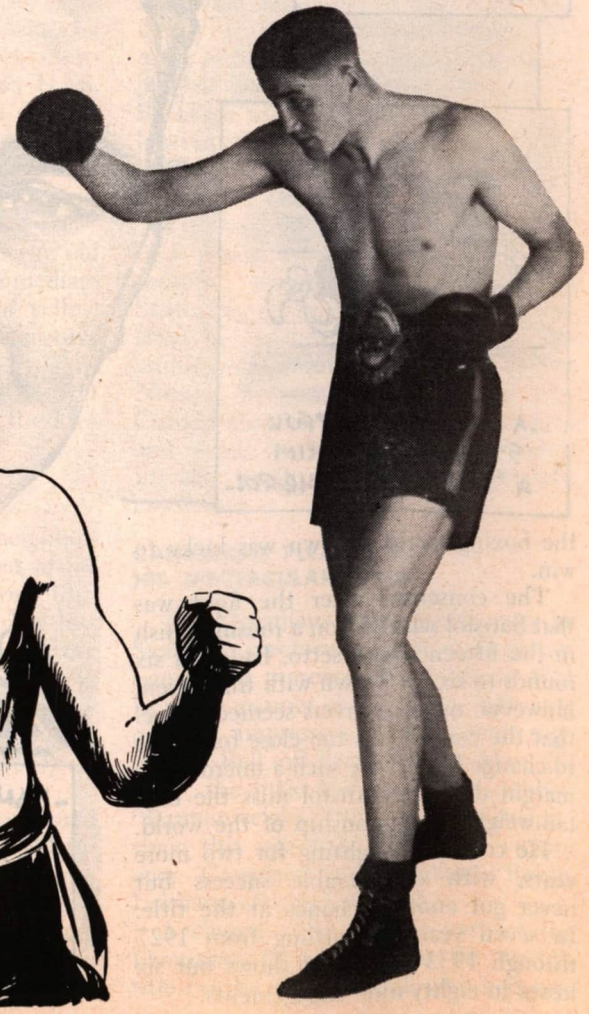
Jesse is fast, clever and an explosive puncher.

Ray is slow, awkward and more of a mauler than a puncher.

Bowdry was one of the finest amateurs produced in recent years. Unbeaten in 45 outings as a medal-chaser, 38 of his victories were by knockouts, and he twice punched his way to the National Golden Gloves middleweight title.

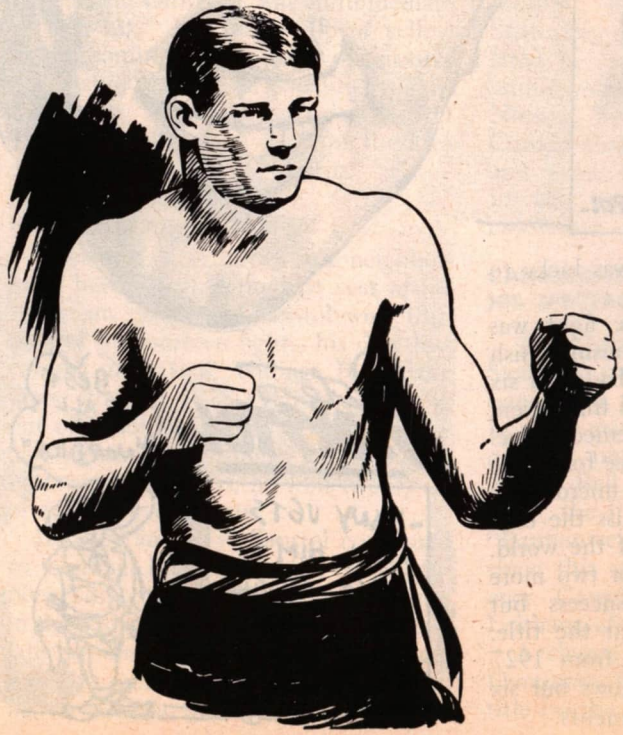
Ray was a comparative nonentity as an amateur, competing for no important laurels, and losing seven of his 29 starts.

**By JERSEY JONES**



**Jack Petersen, a classic boxer and good puncher, who was being touted by British as likely world heavyweight champion, had his ambitious dreams exploded when German veteran Walter Neusel stopped him not once but three times in London.** →

**A popular product of the "White Hope Era", Jim Coffey was headed for a match with the new champion, Jess Willard, when supposed "victim", Frank Moran, wrecked his plans by flattening him in New York, then doing it again for confirmation.** ↓



As professionals there has been just as wide a gap between the two as there had been as amateurs. Aside from their series with each other, Bowdry has been unbeaten, with 20 of his 24 victories ending in knockouts, while Ray has posted 14 wins against five draws and five defeats. Two of Sonny's setbacks have been by kayos.

**RAY HAD BOWDRY'S "NUMBER."**

Bowdry had gone on from his two early defeats by Ray to become something of a sensation in the sock market. Jesse not only had crashed his way to main-event status but a listing among the division's Big Ten. Twice he had been featured on national television, whipping experienced Clarence Hinnant and stopping durable Jerry Luedee.

Ray, meanwhile, was still plugging along inconspicuously in preliminary bouts. The longest route Sonny had travelled was once over eight rounds. Most of his fighting had been in six-rounders.

With Bowdry booked for another TV date in Chicago, the promoters were having their troubles locating a suitable opponent. The light-heavyweight division hasn't been too wealthy in talent of late and none of the few good ones was available to serve as Bowdry's vis-a-vis.

The promoters decided to take a chance with Ray. After all, he did hold two wins over Bowdry, and they were sufficient justification for the match.

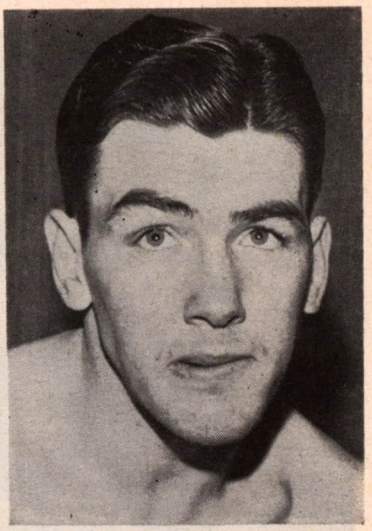
On all form charts, shifty, sharpshooting Bowdry figured to annihilate Ray this time. He did—for a few rounds. But the plodding Ray, surviving those rough early moments, went on to outlast the St. Louisian and batter him out of circulation in the ninth round.

Sonny is the only guy ever to beat Bowdry, and to prove it's been no accident or coincidence, he's done it three times! The "Indian Sign" certainly has worked for him.

**OTHER HISTORIC CASES.**

Although he had compiled an impressive record in his Rocky Mountain bailiwick, few authorities regarded Young Corbett (Billy Rothwell) as a serious threat to the great Terry McGovern when the Denverite came east in 1901 for the meeting in Hartford.

When the populace recovered from Corbett's stunning knockout of McGovern, the general reaction was that a "lucky punch" was responsible.



**Stylish Jimmy Webb, who lost chance at light-heavyweight championship by getting knocked out in "tune-up" bout with little known Mose Brown in Pittsburgh. In an effort to wipe that defeat off his record, Webb met Brown again, then a third time—and was flattened in each bout!**

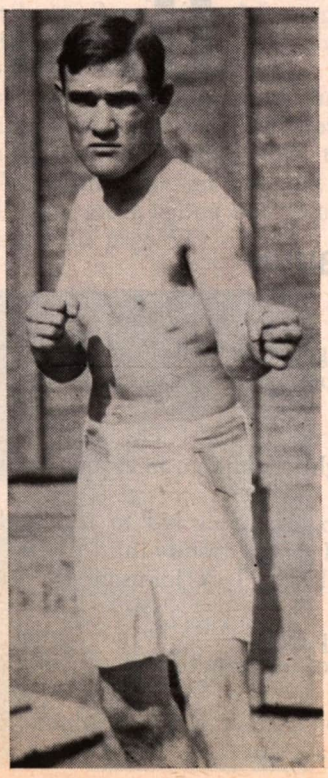
It wasn't. Corbett had the "Indian Sign" on Terrible Terry. He proved it a year and a half later when he flattened McGovern again, this time in San Francisco.

Boxing has known few more able judges of ring talent than the late George Engel, and of all the fighters he handled during his long, active career George regarded middleweight Frank Klaus as the best. To Engel, the Pittsburgher was one of the trade's all-time greats, and there was ample reason for his conviction. Klaus' record was an imposing one. It included knockouts of Willie Lewis, Tommy Sullivan, Jimmy Gardner, Montana Jack Sullivan and Frank Mantell, and decisions over Jack Dillon, Leo Houck and Georges Carpentier. Klaus also had fought on even terms with Stanley Ketchel in a no-decision affair.

In 1913 Klaus returned from Europe after beating fellow-American and former champion Billy Papke. The victory had given Frank a clear claim to the world title which had been in dispute since Ketchel's untimely passing in 1910.

In his native Pittsburgh, Klaus was paired with George Chip, a young Greek from nearby New Castle. Chip was tough and durable, but didn't figure to be much more than a brisk workout for the talented champion. Something, however, went amiss with the advance calculations. Chip knocked Klaus loose from the middleweight title in the sixth round.

It was the first time Frank had been flattened, and the Pittsburgher insisted it was an accident. He demanded a return match and was accommodated in the same ring two months later. Chip finished him again, this time in the fifth round.



**Middleweight Champion Frank Klaus, who expected little more than a brisk workout when he faced young George Chip in Pittsburgh. Chip, in startling upset, knocked Klaus out and relieved him of title. Claiming an "accident" and eager for revenge, Klaus was rematched with Chip—and knocked out again!**

**SOUR CREAM IN JIM'S COFFEY.**

Although Jess Willard had ended the weird "White Hope Era" by relieving Jack Johnson of the world title in Havana early in 1915, the tumult and the shouting in the busy heavyweight ranks continued. Instead of chasing after Johnson, however, the big 'uns were now battling among themselves for a crack at Willard.

The most popular box-office attraction in New York at the time was a husky Irishman, Jim Coffey, dubbed the "Roscommon Giant," and managed by astute Billy Gibson. A good boxer for a big fellow, and a tremendous puncher, 6 foot-1 inch, 210-pound Coffey had been belting over the opposition in sensational fashion, and seemed well on his way to a match with Willard when he was paired with Frank Moran in Madison Square Garden.

Moran, a burly Pittsburgh blond, had just returned from a European jaunt. Frank was tough, durable and a good puncher, but he figured to be too slow and cumbersome

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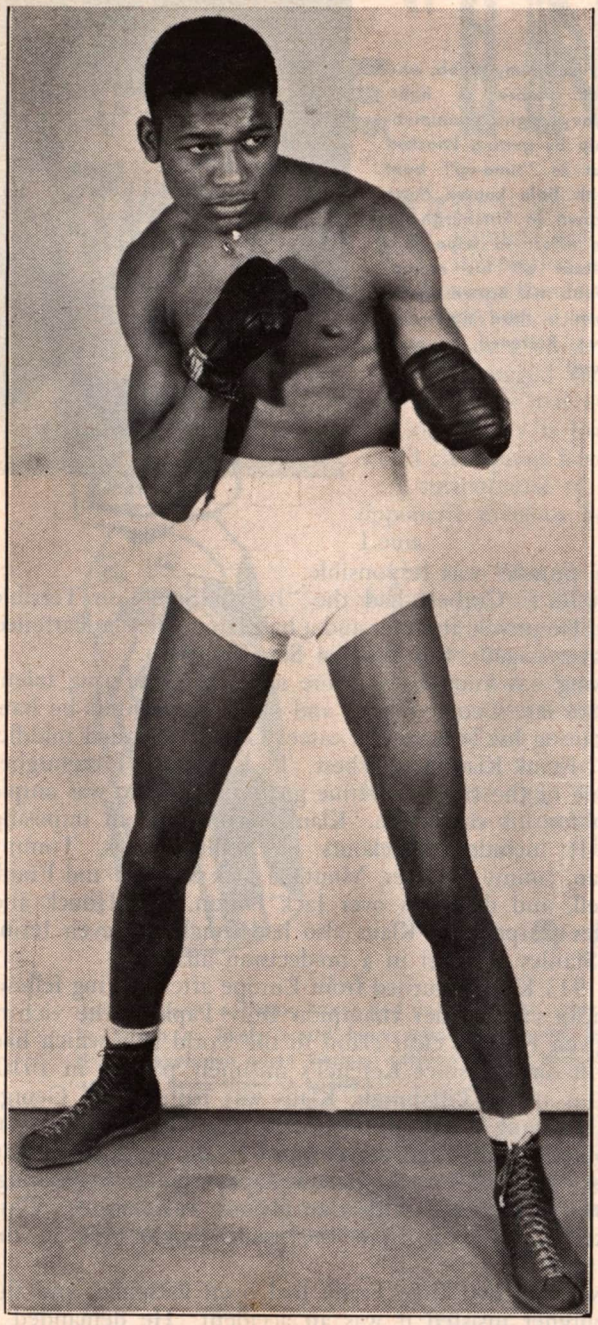
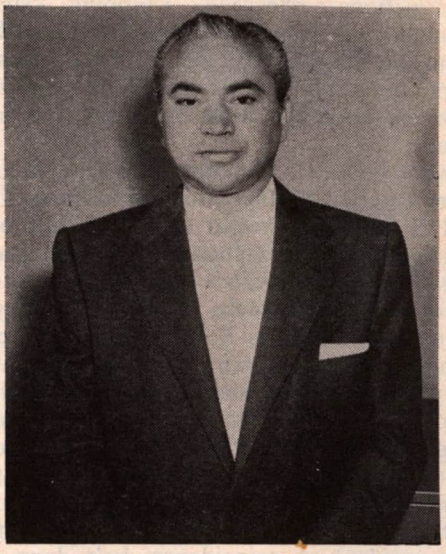


Sugar Ray Robinson, one of the rare cases of a boxer making good in a comeback. Ray has rewon the middleweight title four times.

## Some few make it, others have good sense not to try



Barney Ross, now a successful advertising executive, one of the cleverest boxers of "Golden" 1930's, was smart enough not to try a comeback.

# This Comeback Business

**By AL BUCK**

A LONG, long time ago some fight manager remarked: *"They never come back."* Never, but never? Some do. Sugar Ray Robinson for instance. Some, like Barney Ross, have had the sense not to try.

Others, like Willie Pep, have tried. Tried, and failed. The story of Willie's recent defeat by Hogan (Kid) Bassey, world featherweight champion, in a non-title fight at Boston is an old one. It has been written many times.

It happened to James J. Corbett 60 years ago, when his bid to regain the world heavyweight championship from James J. Jeffries ended in the twenty-third round. It happened to Jeffries, at Reno, where he was stopped in 15 by Jack Johnson 48 years ago. It even happened to Joe Louis.

Why has Robinson succeeded? Why the Pep failure? Why do former champions seek to regain their lost glory, and is the road back so much more difficult than it was when first traveled? Take the last question first.

Mostly it's in the mind. The defeated champion can't help but think he is as good as ever. He has experience going for him, and is apt to discount the ravages of time. With Pep, the inspiration was money. He needed it.

**PEP'S BATTLE UPHILL WAS OH, SO EASY**

Eighteen years ago Pep started in Hartford by defeating James McGovern. In 1941 he came out of Connecticut to make his New York debut by outpointing Ruby Garcia in Madison Square Garden. Less than a year later in the Garden he won the world featherweight championship from Chalky Wright.

Pep was young then, fast and illusive. He was called Willie the Wisp. Winning the title was easy. He was champion without having lost a fight.

The years rolled by, and it wasn't until 1948 that Willie was knocked out in four rounds by Sandy Saddler. An ex-champion, he was protected by a contract for a return bout. It was a little harder then, although Willie succeeded in a savage 15-round struggle. Pep turned the tide, and was champion again.

Once more he knew the glory that comes with wearing a crown. He addressed the Connecticut Legislature, among other things, and successfully defended the title against Eddie Compo, Charley Riley and Ray Famechon. In 1950 Pep dislocated his shoulder fighting Saddler again, and the crown and the glory were gone forever.

He tried again, only to be knocked out in the ninth round by Saddler. He went on from there, always thinking he would regain the heights. Tough going it was, but the goal was within reach at Boston. The dream ended in the ninth round, when Willie's legs failed, and Bassey's right asserted the authority of youth.

Pep is not alone among the ex-champions struggling to come back. Gene Fullmer, still in his prime, recently defeated Spider Webb in Salt Lake City. Fullmer became middleweight king by outpointing Robinson. In turn Sugar Ray knocked him out. Gene would fight the champ again, and deserves the chance, but there's another ex-champion—Carmen Basilio—in his way.

**ROBINSON'S UP AND DOWN CAREER MOST DRAMATIC**

Basilio's story is similar to Fullmer's, although he first gave up the welterweight title on winning the middleweight championship from Sugar Ray. Then he lost it back to Robinson in a terrific struggle. He has since knocked out Art Aragon, no great trick, and is knocking at the champion's door again.

Fullmer has proposed Basilio first fight him, the winner to meet Robinson, which seems a fair solution. As of now, however, Basilio appears to be the challenger most preferred by the International Boxing Club.

Robinson is the exception, the one who proved that they can come back. He retired once, only to return after 18 months on the night club circuit as a dancer. Bobo Olson was his victim. Sugar Ray is 37 or 38, anyway older than the 36-year-old Pep, and he's still on top.

Each time, though, it is a little tougher. After defeating Basilio in 15 rounds, Robinson, middleweight champion for the fifth time, had to be assisted to his dressing room.

Of course, Robinson is one of boxing's all time greats, but then so was Benny Leonard. Leonard retired as world lightweight champion, and stayed away almost seven years. Financial reverses forced him to return. His comeback ended when Jimmy McLarnin knocked him out in six rounds. It takes nothing away from McLarnin, great fighter and great puncher that

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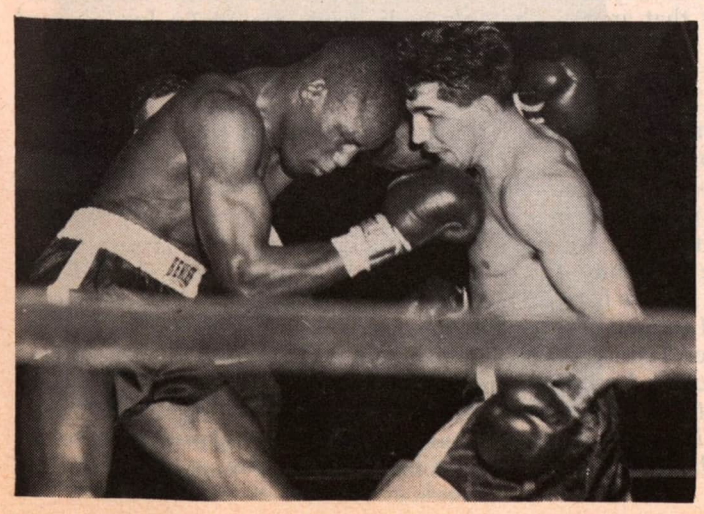
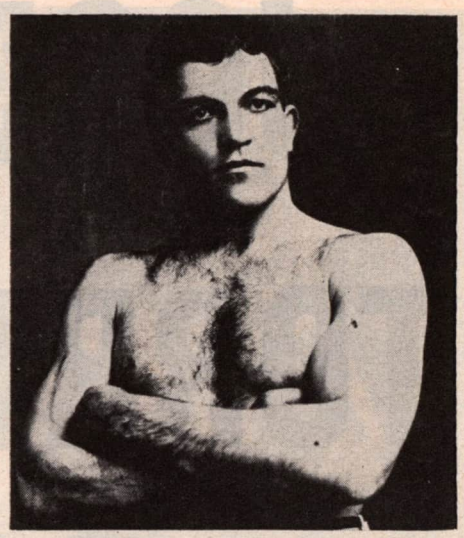


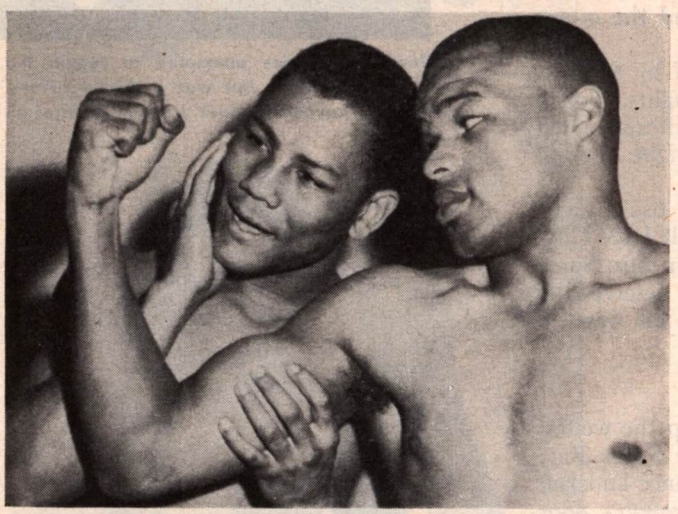
**Johnny Saxton, two-time holder of the world's welterweight crown, who is attempting a comeback after more than a year's idleness.**



**James J. Jeffries attempted to regain the heavyweight title but was a dismal failure. He was kayoed by Jack Johnson in fifteenth round.**

**Willie Pep, one-time Will-o-the-Wisp, whose latest comeback attempt was short circuited by being stopped in the ninth round by Hogan Kid Bassey.**

# JOSE TORRES- REVIVES SMALL



Jose gazes at the fist of his recent opponent Frankie (Kid) Anselm before their fight which Torres won by a knockout in the ninth round. It marked the first time Torres had fought more than six rounds and he showed that the longer distance did not bother him.

By FRED EISENSTADT

Throughout the history of boxing there have been ringmen—and they exist today—who spend years at fighting without making any appreciable headway. Many, undiscouraged despite an obvious lack of talent, battle in preliminary brawls and some even reach the semi-final stage. Then, physically incapacitated, they retire financially broke and broken in spirit. There are others, however, who carry on and eventually reach the main event class.

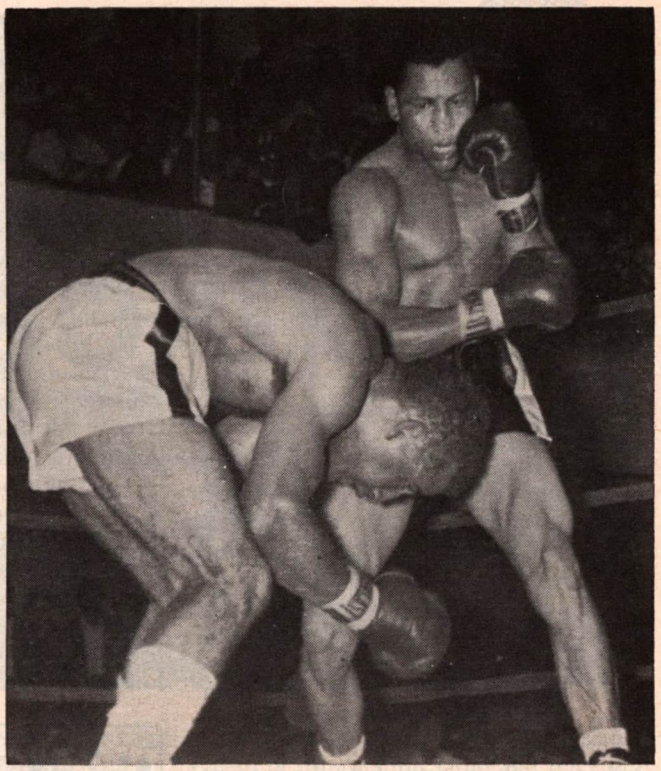
Jose Torres is one who belongs in a different category. This young middleweight became a main event scrapper soon after he turned pro on May 24, 1958, when he put the freeze on Gene Hamilton in one round in the Eastern Parkway Ring. Then he participated in three more stellar attractions at that arena. The only preliminary contest on Jose's record of seven pro bouts took place in California when he disposed of Benny Doyle in one round on the Floyd Patterson-Roy Harris heavyweight title fracas in Los Angeles on August 18.

On September 29, when Jose Torres appeared at the St. Nicholas Arena in a wind-up tussle against rugged Otis Woodard, the ancient boxing club was jam-packed. The majority of those present were Puerto Ricans, the youthful middleweight's countrymen. The big turnout was a revelation, a thrilling sight, an impressive reminder of the old days.

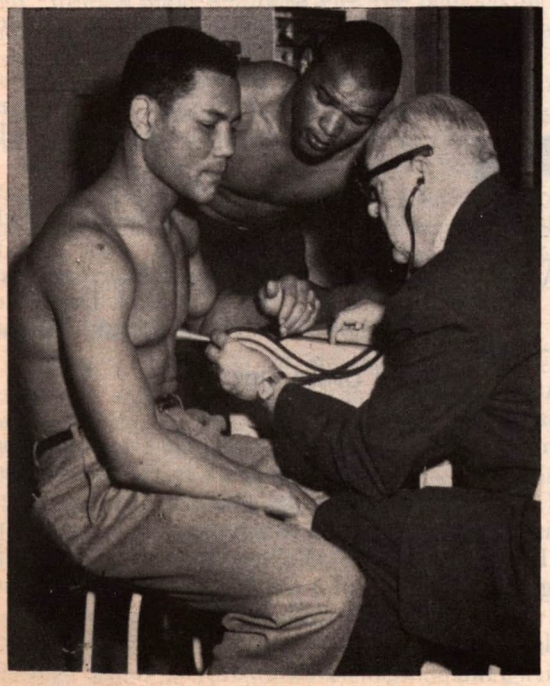
*"Not since the time of Sixto Escobar and Pedro Montanez and Jose Basora—also Puerto Ricans—has a boxer from the Island captured the attention and interest of his people as Jose Torres is doing,"* asserted St. Nick promoter Teddy Brenner. *"That boy is doing boxing a great deal of good, which is heart-warming for anyone connected with the sport. By re-stimulating the interest of his countrymen in boxing, Jose is creating for himself a tremendous following. Thus his popularity tends to fill my fight club—and by the same token fills Jose's purse with mucho dinero."*

Torres with his stable-mate world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and their manager Cus D'Amato. Many feel that Torres is a brighter prospect than was Patterson at the same stage of their careers.

# CLUB BOXING



Otis Woodard, picked as the first important hurdle for Torres, bends under the attack of the new "Idol of the small clubs" and was stopped in five rounds.



Dr. Samuel Swetnick gives Torres the once over as Frankie Anselm looks on before their fight. Both the Dr. and Anselm found Torres to be in tip top shape.

For stopping Woodard in five rounds Jose fared well financially.

As for Puerto Ricans, they are truly hot fight fans and colorful. They yell; they scream encouragement to their favorite; they leap up and down excitedly; they stamp their feet and clap with gusto. Yes, they are noisy, high strung and demonstrative—but neither destructive nor troublesome. Teddy Brenner is thankful for their patronage, and rightly so.

Two weeks after eliminating Woodard, the 22-year-old Puerto Rican again battled at the St. Nick. His veteran opponent, durable and aggressive Frankie Kid Anselm, waged a tough and courageous fight but was flattened in the ninth round by a perfect one-two on the chin. This shindig also was witnessed by a grand turnout of exuberant spectators.

Among the majority of Puerto Rican fans were Jose's father and older brother, both of whom did no cheering when Anselm hit the canvas—out cold. Senor Andres Torres, who had taken time off from his trucking business in Ponce to fly to New York and see his son perform, became so excited and confused that he went into a sort of ecstatic trance. As for Andres, Jr., a mechanic and father of three, the thrill of seeing the knockout was so intense, that it sent him into a dead faint.

On November 3, at the St. Nick, 4,500 fistic followers—frantically yelling for Torres—saw Jose methodically demolish light-heavyweight Burke Emery, who has engaged in over 35 pro contests and Jose halted him in five thrilling rounds.

Manager Cus D'Amato imaginatively describes his protege in this manner: *"Torres can properly be likened to an artist. A paint-and-brush artist draws pictures on canvas. Jose, a boxing artist, draws fans in fight clubs and spreads his fistic foes on ring canvas."*

Incidentally, D'Amato has a small fortune invested in young Torres. Is Cus sure Jose's ring earnings will repay him? Quien sabe.

The young middleweight sensation patterns his boxing style after his stablemate, heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson.

Born in Playa Ponce, Puerto Rico, on May 3, 1936,

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PUNCH LINES

# FROM OUR READERS

**BOXING'S LOSS**

Gentlemen:

I was shocked beyond words when I read in the November edition of Ring of the terrible plane crash that took the lives of boxers Dale Manz and John Maravilla and trainer Ken Nichols near Boise, Idaho.

Last winter and spring I was with the Idaho Daily Statesman and being on the sports desk, got to know all three well enough so that I can say this with first hand knowledge.

Boxing lost two of the finest prospects in the country but the real tragedy was this. The world lost three truly fine gentlemen. Dale and John were both kind, considerate people whether they were being interviewed or talking to the average fight fan or just going through their everyday walk in life. The same can be said for Ken.

It's a terrible thing that boxing has to lose men of this caliber. They were certainly a great asset to their profession.

Dick Watts
Sidney News, Sidney, Ohio

**IT WAS GOTCH—GOTCH!**

Dear Sirs:

The article by Loubet in which he quotes the great Hackenschmidt who said the greatest wrestlers of all time were the Turks, was interesting but certainly not true.

**The greatest wrestler that ever lived was Frank Gotch.** On the statute erected there at Humboldt, Iowa, his home city of many years is inscribed "his equal was never known." And how true this is.

Gotch defeated Stanley Zbyszko in Chicago June 1, 1910, two falls in less than 30 minutes. He defeated Hackenschmidt in Chicago again on Labor day in 1911, two falls in less than thirty minutes before some 30,000 wrestling fans who gasped in amazement at the ridiculous ease it was done.

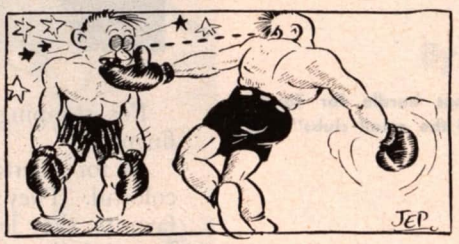
Zbyszko journeyed to London to forget his humiliating defeat at the hands of the immortal Gotch. When the late Augue Khan decided to bring the great Gama to America to wrestle Gotch. They stopped in London with an idea of a match between Gama and Hackenschmidt. Gama offered to beat Hack two falls in thirty minutes but Hack refused. Stanley Zbyszko accepted a finish match, however, and these two wrestled Sept. 7, 1910 at Shepards-Bush stadium for 3 hours 37 minutes with no fall and the bout was declared a draw.

Now what happened to the great, invincible Gama?

He hi-tailed it back to India to save face because he was afraid to come to America to meet the magic touch of Gotch. He feared he would have been defeated as quickly as was Zbyszko.

There was only one Gotch, the same as there was only one RUTH and one THORPE and the world will never see the likes of these again.

Wrestling today is a farce, a hippidrome and pantomine and is not competitive in any sense of the word at all. For this reason I dislike to say a word



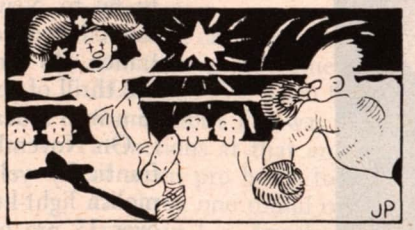

in any way of the past very great wrestlers such as Hackenschmidt, Stanley Zbyszko or Gama, but when a comparison is drawn, I cannot refrain from showing the past events to prove who was the greatest. Gotch shines far above all the rest in every way. He is THE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS.

Ivor Rebington
Castle Rock, Colorado

**OLD VERSUS NEW**

Dear Mr. Fleischer:

I have always been a keen follower




of boxing, American and Australian 'Rings' and other sporting magazines. I consider your magazine a particularly fine one.

However, Mr. Fleischer, I believe you to be biased in your opinion towards the modern day fighter. I'll come to the point:—In your rating of the ten greatest heavyweights of all time you gave Joe Louis sixth place and Rocky Marciano a mere tenth. Truly a raw deal!

Ousting your opinion of Marciano: *"The reason I placed him down that far is because he lacked a number of essentials for greatness—too wide open, no cleverness—and he depended wholly on his terrific punching power."*

Absurd! And a deliberate insult to the only undefeated heavyweight champion, and to today's boxers in general.

What if he was open; he took the hardest punches the most seasoned and best heavyweights of our time could throw, and this only enraged his desire to walk up and kill off his opponent. I too will agree he was no Corbett on his feet. But how you rank this hit and run, ballet prospect, Corbett, as a greater FIGHTER, I'll never know.

Are you trying to kid yourself that boxing in general is back-pedalling, and that the thousands of young present-day aspirants of this manly art do not have what it takes to make champions comparable with the old timers?

Stick to your guns, old-timers. But for my part, Louis, Marciano and Robinson stand high as the immortals of the boxing ring. And I may add your magazine has had a tremendous hand in boosting the morale of these three fighters.

You hold nothing against these three fighters, Mr. Fleischer, but I do believe you hold something against the modern-day fighter.

I've said some nasty things but I think your the type of man who can take and give. But your going to have some job digging up excuses for these so-called supermen of your day.

However, Mr. Fleischer, as your magazine has so often said "It's a free nation, where every one is entitled to his own opinion."

I agree and will be waiting anxiously to hear from you. Maybe it's me who is the one-eyed critic.

Here's hoping for a fine magazine.

M. J. Degiovanni
Queensland, Australia

**THE OTHER SIDE**

(Ed. Note)

In a recent issue, the events that took place in New York in the investigation of boxing by District Attorney Hogan were fully discussed. We wrote that Hymie Wallman's "*singing*" was the basis of a ten count indictment against Frank Carbo and the indictment of Jimmy White and others. Wallman's legal advisor, Michael Kern, takes exception to the published statements

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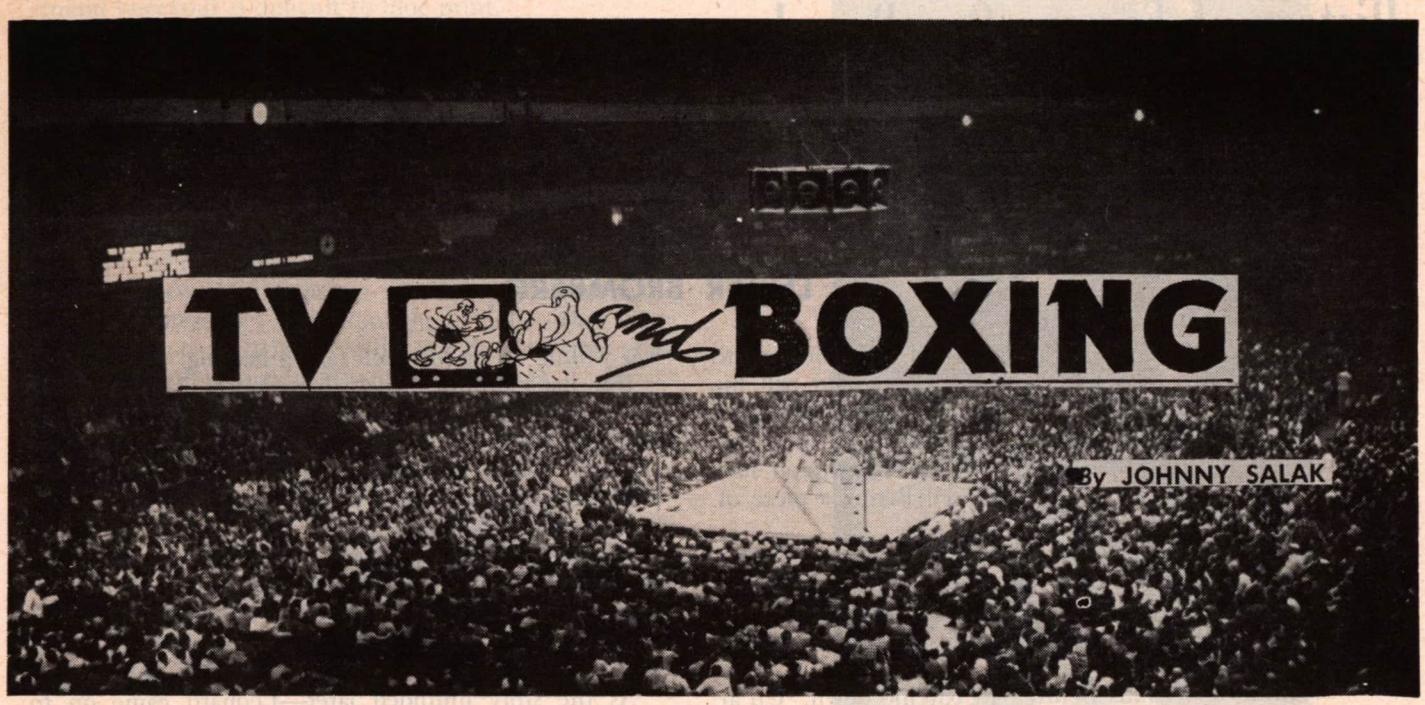


## SWANK SWINGFEST

The growing trend away from smoke-filled arenas for televised boxing, especially on the Wednesday Night Fights, and into unique settings such as night clubs, dining rooms, factory cafeterias and hotels continues. The latest, on October 22, saw a twelve-round bout between Don (Geronimo) Jordan and Gaspar (Indian) Ortega held in the plush grand ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach, Calif.

The bout proved to be an artistic, financial and social success. As a fight, with a nationwide TV audience watching over the ABC network, it was fast and entertaining, though far from sensational.

The swank charity affair was attended by more than 1,000 members of the Optimist Club and the sports-minded Century Club who paid $25 and $15 for the steak dinner and fight.

Formal invitations were sent reporters attending the "affair" in the Grand Ballroom with the bout taking on superficial aspects of a dinner-dance. Tickets for the affair were labeled "An Evening of Boxing."

This was the same ballroom where Miss Universe was crowned last summer but the closest thing to a curve of interest was the wide arcing swing of Ortega.

Proceeds went to the Long Beach Optimist Club, with Jordan and Ortega getting $4,000 television money each, plus a $1,000 guarantee from the receipts. The winner—Jordan on a split decision—also gained a crack at Virgil Akins' welterweight title, scheduled for December 5.

## LATIN LINGO WITH LACAVALERIE

Gillette's Cavalcade of Sports which has entertained countless millions of American fans through the years with the top sporting events, also is broadcast to South America in Spanish. The narrator of these events is Musiu Lacavalerie, who is connected with Radio Caracas.

In addition to his broadcasts of Gillette fights which are heard throughout South America, Lacavalerie recently also did the World Series in Spanish.

Interest is high in boxing in Latin America and his broadcasts are eagerly awaited and listened to. Two title fights this year which Lacavalerie did and which achieved high ratings were the Robinson-Basilio middleweight title bout and the Akins-Martinez final for the welterweight title.

Lacavalerie has a thorough knowledge of sports which he combines with a good radio voice. Tremendously popular throughout Central and South America, he has a fine career ahead of him in the field of inter-nation radio and television broadcasts of sporting events.

## ANOTHER FOREIGN INVASION

For the first time a world championship bout is to be televised into the U. S. from another country when Archie Moore defends his light heavyweight crown against Yvon Durelle, the Fighting Fisherman, on December 10 at the Forum in Montreal, Canada.

Earlier this year Joe Brown, world lightweight champion, was seen on TV in a bout from Havana, Cuba, but this was a non-title affair, Brown knocking out Orlando Echevarria in a sensational one round.

Moore was to receive a guarantee of $100,000, most of it made up from the $75,000 television fee, with Durelle

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**Musiu Lacavalerie of Radio Caracas who narrates Gillette's Cavalcade of Sports in Spanish with the broadcasts eagerly awaited and heard throughout Central and South America.**

# History of Famous One Round Knockouts Gives No Clues To Make an Easy Blueprint

**By LESTER BROMBERG**

THE year was 1921, the scene old Madison Square Garden and Benny Leonard, who could call his shots better than most, was trying for a first-round knockout . . . a good reason there was too, a long-time friend of the incomparable lightweight champion had bet $25,000 he'd do it and promised Benny a piece of the winnings.

Leonard had knocked out the same opponent, Ritchie Mitchell, in seven rounds four years earlier in Milwaukee, Mitchell's home town. And his confidence was high, even though this elected task was six rounds tougher.

Within 50 seconds Benny had Ritchie down. Up at nine, Mitchell ran into another bull's-eye punch and hit the deck at 1:15 in the round. The wobbly midwesterner was up again at nine. At 1:45 in the round he walked into a rapid-fire combination and was floored a third time.

Now the fans were shouting "*Stop it!*" and, in a current ring, this match likely would have been stopped. These were tough-fibered days, however, and the referee was willing to let Mitchell take a beating.

But, just a minute—what's happening? Moving boldly in for a finisher, Leonard has caught a left to the body and a right to the chin. He's crumpled to the floor. He looks worse than Ritchie did on his knockdowns. His eyes are bleary, he's bleeding from the mouth as he struggles to get up.

At seven, Benny miraculously makes his feet. He waves to Mitchell, "*come on and fight!*" And now Ritchie is genuinely confused . . . is Leonard done for or is he playing possum? Less than half a minute is left. Mitchell plays it safe, he lays back 'til the bell sounds.

As the story unfolded later—Leonard came on to drop Mitchell four more times, knocking him out in the sixth—one more shot on the chin would have finished the champion in the first. But Benny had buffaloed Ritchie out of it.

The tale isn't intended to illustrate the generalship of a Leonard in distress, acknowledged as classic wherever boxing is discussed, but rather to highlight a different point . . . that, even with the greatest, a first-

Al McCoy, Brooklyn, N. Y., southpaw middleweight, who followed a blueprint laid out for him by trainer Charley Goldman that culminated in his knocking out favored Joe Chip in one round.

# WHAT'S BEHIND THE ONE ROUND KNOCKOUT?

round knockout is difficult to blue print.

A survey of significant first-round knockouts down the years was initiated by the writer after three of these in September attracted world attention.

Reference is made to Ingemar Johansson's 2:16 destruction of Eddie Machen on Sept. 14 at Gothenburg, Sweden; George Chuvalo's 2:05 liquidation of James J. Parker on Sept. 15 at Toronto, Canada, and Willi Besmanoff's exit of Alex Miteff at the end of the first on Sept. 23 at Seattle, Washington.

In very few cases is there a common pattern as to the why and wherefore, apart from the obvious—that being a good puncher helps you do it. But, by the same token, it isn't always a dynamiter who does it. Breaks of the sport, pure luck, behind-the-scenes inspiration, other circumstances of one sort or another . . . any of these can be the decisive factor.

Most often cited as a prime example of an implausible first-round knockout was that scored by Willie Jackson over Johnny Dundee in 1917 at Philadelphia.

Jackson, as the saying went, couldn't punch his way out of a paper bag. Dundee was the fastest thing of his time.

In fact, Willie went into the ring that night frantically frightened of the redoubtable Dundee. The round wasn't 30 seconds gone before Jackson, in flight, backed into the ropes, Dundee in fiery pursuit.

Johnny pegged a left hook at his quarry and Willie, now desperate, let go a right . . . here was luck, he not only beat Dundee to the punch, his blow landed directly on the button. Johnny shook like a tree in a cyclone and he clutched Jackson to support himself.

Even then Willie wasn't aware of the situation. Doc Bagley, his second, had to yell at him, "*pull away, pull away, he's gone!*" He finally obeyed.

When Willie got loose, Dundee tumbled forward, his chin catching on the lowest rope. He teetered that way until the finish of the count.

They would have bet 1000-1 that it couldn't happen again. And there were nine fights between them thereafter. Jackson never again rocked Dundee, much less floored him or knocked him out.

True gunners did get their share of premeditated KOs.

Back in 1905 Young Otto, crashing lightweight hitter, scored 16 first-rounders in succession.

In more modern times there are the five first-rounders posted by Joe Louis in heavyweight title bouts, a record for championship competition in any division.

Three of them came in succession—Max Schmeling, 2:04, June 22, 1938; John Henry Lewis, 2:29, Jan. 25, 1939, and Jack Roper, 2:20, April 19, 1939.

At the same time, these weren't cases of just pulling the lanyard.

Behind the Schmeling fight was a two-year emotional build-up within the then boyish Louis. In 1936 Max had scored his 12-round KO upset of Joe. Before the return came about, Schmeling told the world time and again that "*this boy belongs to me any time I fight him again.*"

Pride in himself, pride in his country—Nazi propagandists had warped Schmeling's success into super-race "proof"—had steeled Louis to massive determination. This was inspiration for the American achieved unwittingly by the German.

Thus keyed up, Joe harnessed his quick hands and his power. Schmeling never had a chance.

With John Henry, an old friend, Louis had another sort of goal. He knew, as a good part of the press and public did, that John Henry's sight was bad . . . the match had been a gesture by Mike Jacobs to get Lewis off Gen. John J. Phelan's back. . . . Lewis had sued

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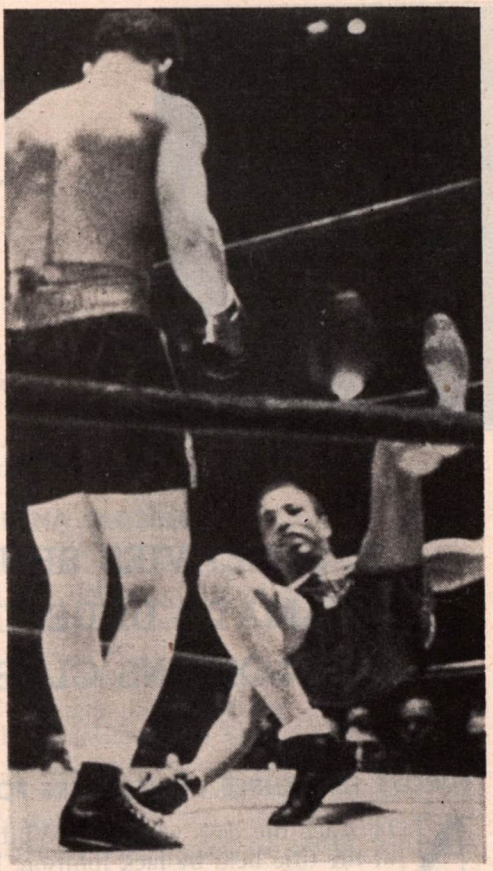
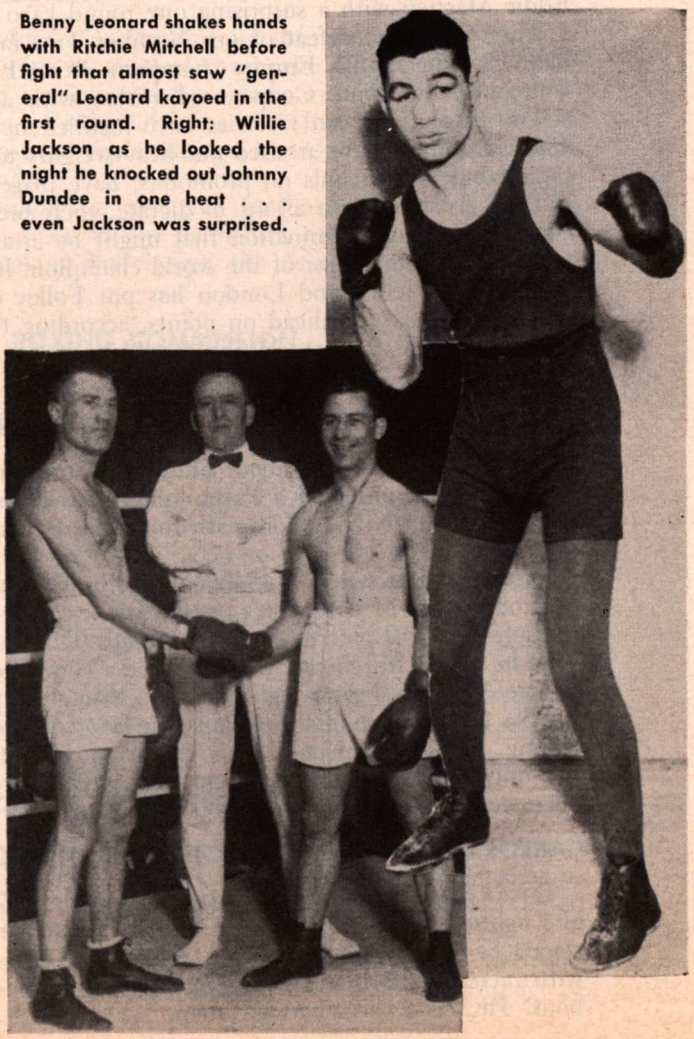


**Joe Louis, as heavyweight champ, mercifully disposes of John Henry Lewis in one round. The motive was friendship!**



**Benny Leonard shakes hands with Ritchie Mitchell before fight that almost saw "general" Leonard kayoed in the first round. Right: Willie Jackson as he looked the night he knocked out Johnny Dundee in one heat . . . even Jackson was surprised.**

# NAT FLEISCHER

## *Says*

## U. S. HEAVIES SHUNTED TO THE SIDELINES
## D'AMATO UNDECIDED ON FLOYD'S CHALLENGER
## SOLOMONS CLOSES HARRINGAY WITH FANFARE

### EUROPE HAS THREE CONTENDERS FOR FLOYD PATTERSON'S TITLE

NOT since the days when the White Hopes invaded the United States in an effort to get a shot at the title held by Jack Johnson, have European boxing fans had an opportunity to enjoy so greatly the plight of the USA, whose top three heavyweights were shunted to the sidelines in three successive contests.

Three fights and three losses for three of America's leading contenders, are ample reason for gloating on the other side of the Big Pond.

First Ingemar Johansson, European heavyweight king who hails from Sweden, put the skids under Eddie Machen with a surprising one round kayo that stunned the fight fans of our country.

Then came the defeat of our Number Two ranked heavy, Willie Pastrano, who, due to a cut, was halted by the British Empire champion, Brian London. Then the defeat of Zora Folley, Number One contender, by Henry Cooper, a Britisher with an ordinary record.

The three European victories have instilled new life into the division and into boxing in general. Those triumphs have aroused our heavyweights to the realization that idleness and easy living, with their fabulous demands on promoters, have placed them in a tight spot.

They no longer can afford to dictate, their brethren across the Atlantic have earned the right to be considered in any elimination that might be arranged to find Floyd Patterson's next opponent. As for Cus D'Amato, manager of the world champion, he is within his rights in declaring that Johansson has eliminated Machen and London has put Folley out of the running.

Pastrano was well ahead on points, according to the majority of the British scribes, when Referee Hart halted the contest. Willie should be given another opportunity before being considered eliminated.

### HOW BEST TO OBTAIN LEADING CHALLENGER FOR PATTERSON

If D'Amato is serious about finding the outstanding challenger for his champion, he can do so by urging the promotion of a Pastrano-London return engagement, the winner to face Cooper, and that winner to meet Nino Valdes with the survivor to engage Johansson for the right to fight for the championship.

Ingemar's feat was by far the most stunning in the division this year. The European trio is certain to produce one of Patterson's opponents next year and in all liklihood it will be Cooper, the weakest of the lot, who will receive the assignment. D'Amato is not the manager who can be rushed, and by the time he makes his choice, there may be a complete change in the heavyweight picture.

The American heavyweight situation is in a sad plight and no one can blame Cus if he shuns the heavies on this side of the Atlantic in favor of one of the Europeans. No matter who he chooses from among the lot, the public is certain to be satisfied. What they would like to see is action and the only one who can give them that is D'Amato. Boxing would receive considerable impetus if the heavyweight champion announces his plans.

### CARLOS ORTIZ SAVES FACE OF AMERICAN BOXING IN LONDON BOUT

Dave Charnley had an opportunity to add to England's and Europe's prestige when the British Empire lightweight champion met Carlos Ortiz of New York on the closing show at the Harringay Arena, staged by Jack Solomons. But Dave found Ortiz a clever boxer and sharp hitter who threw punches with incredible skill and damaging power and lost the fight and his chances for a world championship bout. He was a badly battered man.

Thus Ortiz, who in America was given little chance of winning, checked the downfall of American boxers and perked up the spirit of our ring enthusiasts. Ortiz's triumph tosses him into the picture as a sturdy opponent for Joe Brown in a world championship bout. It is gratifying to note the high praise of the victor by the British press. Though facing a southpaw, he did a splendid job.

## SOLOMONS SHOWMANSHIP AT PEAK IN HARRINGAY ARENA CLOSING

Solomons is boxing's best showman. He knows how to bring the public into his arenas. That he is class of present day promoters he has repeatedly demonstrated. He spends plenty of dough to make a little for himself. Fabulous guarantees such as our International Boxing Club gives only to the world title holders, are offered to half a dozen or more boxers to dress his show.

Such was the case when the Harringay Arena, in which he staged many international matches, closed its doors to boxing to become a warehouse. On closing night Jack had the best European lightweight against one of the best in America, and he pitted Dick Richardson against Garvin Sawyer of the United States, as an added attraction. He had, as his guests, three champions who fought at Harringay years ago, Max Baer, former heavyweight king; Gus Lesnevich, light heavyweight champ, and Henry Armstrong, the only champion to hold three titles simultaneously.

It was a foregone conclusion that Solomons would have a sell-out. The appearance of the American champions added to the ballyhoo and Solomons left the arena after the show happy in the thought that he had given the old arena a grand farewell party.

I've seen many thrilling battles at Harringay and I would have enjoyed being present to sing Auld Lang Syne with the thousands who paid their homage to a great show place.

## REFEREE'S SCORING PRIVILEGE OUT IN OLYMPIC BOXING

The action of the International Amateur Boxing Referees Association in stripping referees of their scoring rights, was predicted following the poor job done by most of those who officiated in the Melbourne Olympic Games. In many of the contests, the scoring was lop-sided, with the referee's tally often enabling the wrong contestant to be the winner. Particularly was this true where one of the fighters from behind the Iron Curtain was pitted against one representing a non-Communist group, with a Communist official acting as third man in the ring.

In all future Olympic and other international championship amateur matches, the scoring will be done solely by a panel of five judges. However the referee will be permitted, as in the past, to count a boxer out, even between rounds. Pity that while making the change, the Association didn't eliminate the two surplus judges.

## WOMAN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF LOUISIANA BOXING COMMISSION

For the first time in the history of boxing in this country, a woman has been appointed as head of a State Boxing Commission. In Louisiana, where Governor Earl K. Long can be depended upon to hit the headlines with something new every now and then, Mrs. James D. Waldron, wife of the man whose death caused a vacancy on the board, has been named Chairman.

Mrs. Waldron is not new to the sport. She attended many of the state's leading bouts with her late husband and according to Governor Long, should be able to fill the post well. Asked why he appointed Mrs. Waldron, the Governor replied: "Why a woman? Why not? Can you give me any reason? We have many women engaging in sports and supervising them. Mrs. Waldron is now a member of such a group."

Henceforth, Mrs. Waldron will undoubtedly appear at weigh-in scenes, and she, not the fighters, will be the chief attraction.

Can you picture the line up of young women who will apply for licenses as managers and trainers to Chairman Waldron? Why not? She won't be in a position to state that women are banned in her state, without getting the reply. "What about you?"

## McMURTRY'S CAUTIOUSNESS STANDS IN WAY OF HIS PROGRESS

When Pat McMurtry fought George Chuvalo in New York's Garden, the fans got a look at a heavyweight who from all appearances should make the grade. Though a rated boxer now that he has eliminated the Canadian heavyweight king, Pat has much to learn before he can be considered a contender. Yet, as heavyweights go to-day, he shapes up pretty well.

He has the stance of Young Stribling and Gene Tunney, but is too much the picture fighter, one who goes about his job according to the book. His overcautiousness must be overcome if he wants to get to

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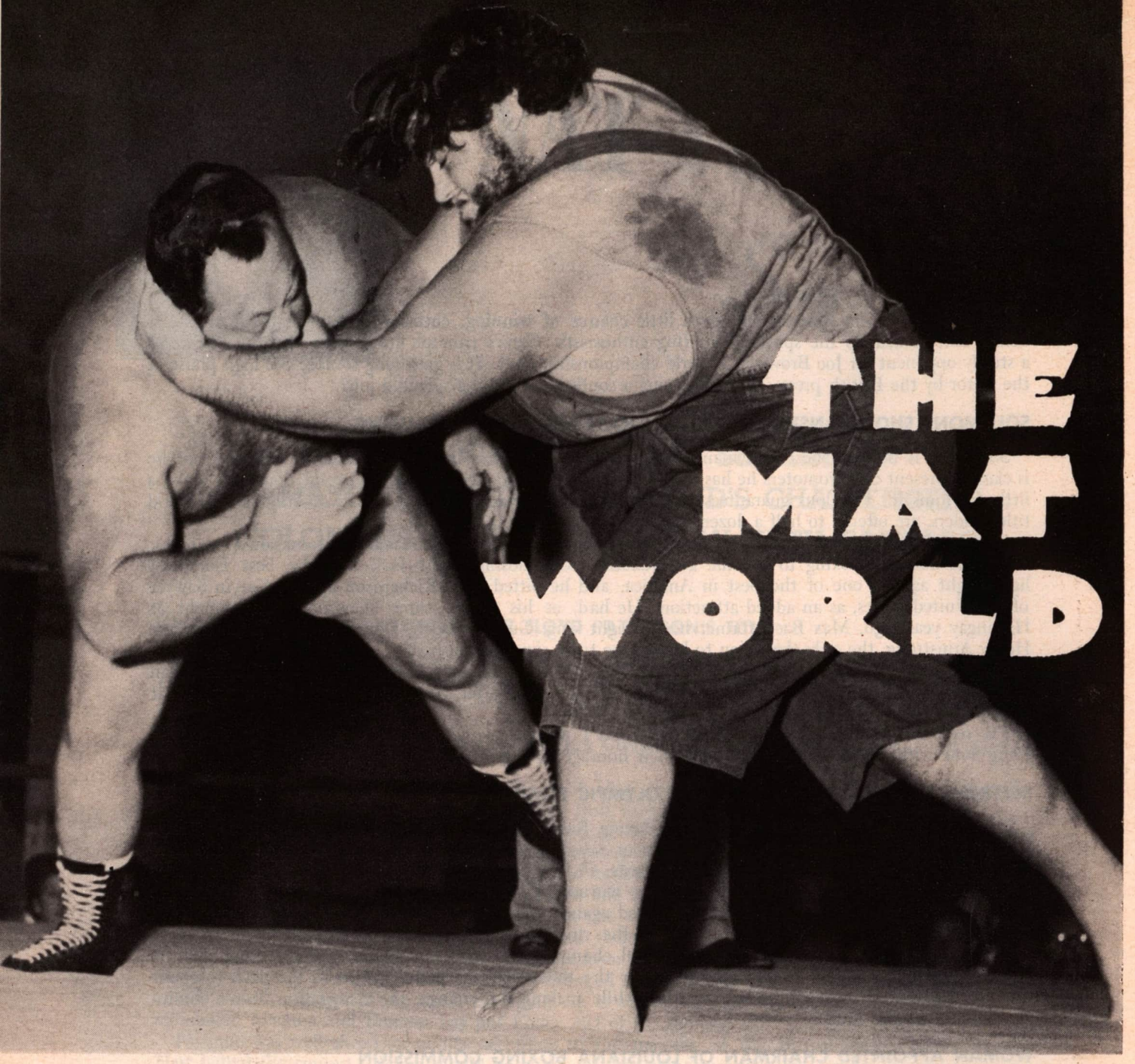


# THE MAT WORLD

**Battle of the Giants . . . Country Boy Calhoun Tossing El Hombre Montana During West Coast Bout Won By Calhoun. Color and Action . . . The Reason For Wrestling's Popularity.**

*By*

**NAT LOUBET**

**ON AND AROUND THE MAT . . .**

RECEIVED a nice note from Princess Tona Tomah, top gal wrestler who is married to Billy Wolfe, girl wrestling promoter. . . . She informs us that the boy we credited to Billy Wolfe is not his but the son of his son . . . in other words his grandson.

Man Mountain Dean, a top wrestler in his day is now a tycoon around the Eufaula Reservoir in Oklahoma. . . . The Man owns a motel and has plans for a cafe, trailer sales agency . . . the whole works.

The New York Garden still going crazy with wrestling . . . latest show drew 20,793 fans and a whopping $62,307.17 through the turnstiles. . . . Leading the night's entertainment were the Latin tag team (natch) of Antonio Rocca and Miguel Perez and the heavies were the team of Bill Curdy and the Shiek of Araby. . . . Despite the foul tactics of the villains Rocca-Perez came through in typical hero fashion to weather the biting and gouging to win two out of three falls. They scored the first fall in 20:39 and were awarded the second fall and the match when Curdy was unable to answer the bell for the second fall. Curdy had a backache. And speaking of backaches you should have seen the bevy of feminine lure that the Sheik carries along as ladies in attendance . . . beautiful girls who dress up his bit.

The usual hot dogs, cups and other items were tossed into the ring as the evening progressed . . . no heads were creased for a change.

Guy La Rosa pinned Jack Terry in 8:50; Don Evans flattened Mr. Puerto

Rico by 8:54; Ed Miller took 12:15 to floor Alberto Torres; Kit Fox won a decision over Danny Miller; Bill Miller won on a disqualification over Chief Big Heart in 12:34; Enriquez Torres pinned Skull Murphy in 12:08; Haystack Calhoun took only 2:09 to pin Karl Von Hess and in another tag-team match, the blond-tressed Graham brothers—Jerry and Eddie—scored a best two-out-of-three victory over Mark Lewin and Danny Curtis.

The gate receipts were announced by Charley Johnston as $62,307.17.

We are sorry to report the passing on of a once superb wrestler in a San Francisco hospital, Harry Jacobs. He died in September but the word was tardy in reaching this corner. During his mat career, which spanned over twelve years, he went under the sobriquet of Tiny Jacobs and his 300 pounds was a well known figure on the West Coast.

Another well-known mat star joined his confreres in the sports valhalla. Dean Detton, remembered for being a football hero at the U. of Utah and for his claiming of the heavyweight wrestling title in 1936 after he had defeated Dave Levin took his own life by hanging himself. Mrs. Detton stated that Dean was despondent over bad business conditions at his Turf Club Bar.

William "Haystack" Calhoun said the other day that his 600 pound frame cost $250 a week to feed his bulk . . . said he: "I live to eat and eat to live."

Heard from Mark Tendler, down in Florida . . . seems a tipsy little strawberry-haired wafer poured out of a night club, and tripped into his arms . . . she refused to let go and said she was going to kiss him to death . . . whata a way to die!

**FAN CLUB CORNER**

The Al Getson, Buddy Rosen FC had a get-together in Philadelphia the other day and were surprised at the large turnout . . . it's a highly successful club.

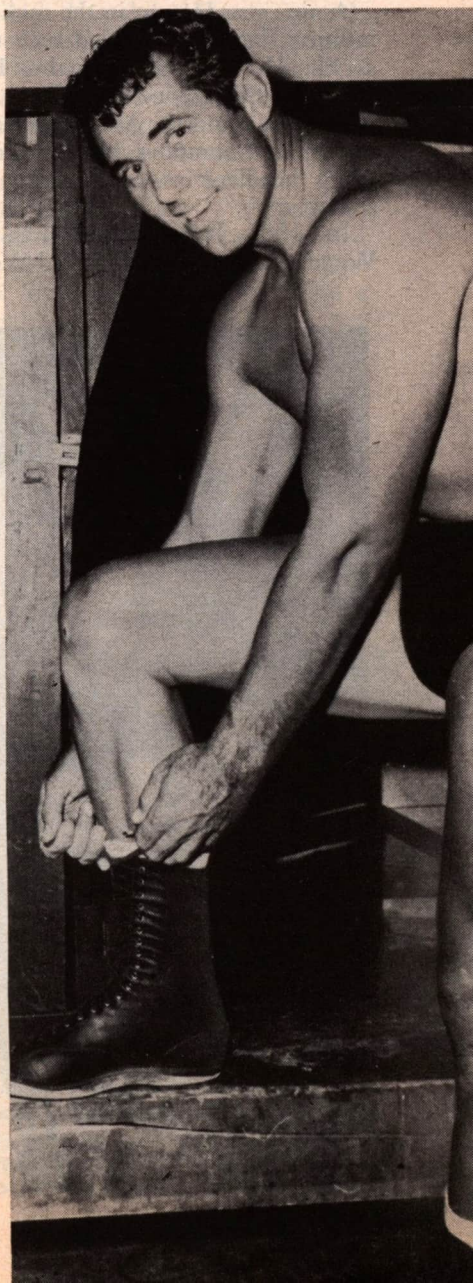
Here's a new Fan Club for a right guy . . . the Marvin Mercer Fan Club, President, Phyllis Hughes, 542 North 9th St., Allentown, Pa.

A change in heading up the Ray Stevens Fan Club with the new President Ann Walrond taking over.

A new Fan Club for Verne Gagne finds Miss Pat Hawkins in the role of President. Address 7119 Chestnut Street, N.W., Washington 12, D. C.

Another new FC is the Whipper Billy Watson, President, Evelyn Davies, 41 West 1st St., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

**By the seas . . Lord Layton (right) and Mark Tendler are both interested in the same thing . . . . a beautiful lassie, who is interested in wrestling. Below: Bob Ellis, a big boy known as "Cowboy" because he once rode the Rodeo circuit is a comer who combines solid wrestling with know-how.**



**Antonio Rocca and Miguel Perez, tag team partners, talk over boxing with new pugilistic star Jose Torres, a fellow Latin-American.**

**POPULARITY POLL**

| MEN | WOMEN |
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| 1. Dick Hutton | 1. Princess Moolah |
| 2. Verne Gagne | 2. Nell Syewart |
| 3. Pepper Gomez | 3. June Byers |
| 4. Enrique Torres | 4. Judy Grable |
| 5. Pat O'Connor | 5. Betsy Ross |
| 6. Mark Tendler | 6. Alma Mills |
| 7. Ronnie Etchison | 7. Penny Banner |
| 8. Ray Gunkel | 8. Rita Cortez |
| 9. Johnny Valentine | 9. Judy Glover |
| 10. Whipper Billy Watson | 10. Princess Tomah |

**Betty Clark, a Roanoke, Virginia bundle of beauty and charm, who is quickly moving to the fore among the stable of talent run by Buddy Lee. She is 18 years of age, weighs 148 and stands 5' 6" tall without shoes.**

**SHORT STORY ON JACK ALLEN . . . *BY TEXAS BOB UTTER***

Having one of the most famous uncles in the wrestling profession, Big Jack Allen with coaching from Uncle Fredcrick Von Schacht was destined to become a headliner.

Twenty-nine years old and standing an even six-feet in height, Jack tips the Fairbanks at 233 pounds. Starting his amateur career in a Milwaukee YMCA, Allen was coached constantly by Uncle Fred so that by the time he turned pro his knowledge was equal to that of a three-year veteran.

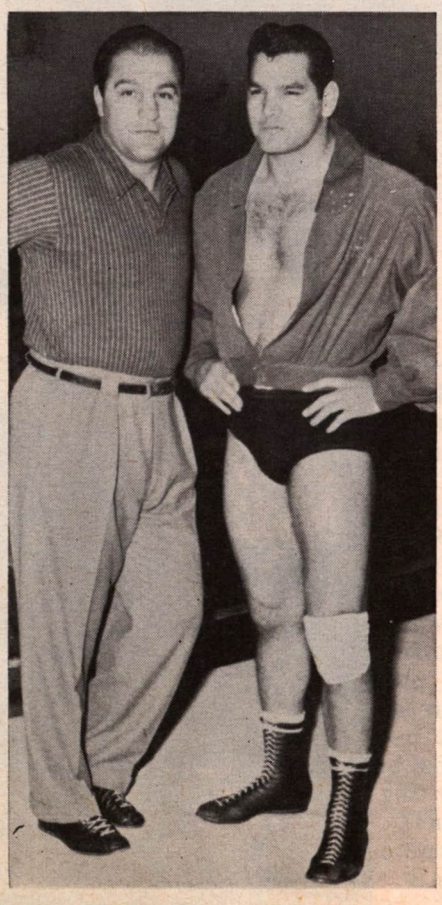
At first Jack wanted only the "babyface" style of grappling and for a while it looked as though he would go against Von Schacht's wishes. But during the final months of his training period, plus his seeing some big pay checks, Allen decided to go "heel."

**Handsome Jack Allen, 233 pounds of devastating power, who was taught the tricks of his profession by his famous uncle Fred Von Schacht. (Photo by Bob Utter)**

A nine year veteran in the cauliflower industry, Jack has wrestled such names as Ski Hi Lee, Sheik Araby, Buddy Rogers, Baron Leone, Red Berry, Danny McShain and the Mighty Atlas. He relies on a jumping toe hold and a flying headlock as his favorite offensive weapon.

In 1956 Jack teamed with Jerry Woods to capture the Mid-Western States tag title. Allen and Davey Sims teamed later to annex the Rocky Mountain crown.

His favorite form of relaxation is reading and listening to records. He likes to hunt and swim.



**Ramon Torres, Pacific Coast champ asks Rocky Marciano, ex heavyweight boxing champ, what it's like to be a world champ. Torres is throwing his hat in the ring for a shot at the world grappling title. "I'm ready for anyone," he says. A real mean hombre.**

**SILVIA TORRES**
**THE CARMEN MIRANDA OF CUBA**

The first importation from Cuba, among girl wrestlers, is none other than the Champion of Cuba, Silvia (Miss Cuba) Torres. Silvia, who incidentally is 135 pounds, stands 5 feet 2 inches, was born and raised in the same town as one of America's top TV performers, Desi Arnez. The town, of course, is Havana.

Silvia is known as the "Carmen Miranda of Cuba", and the reason for this is that her musical background so very closely resembled the famed Miranda. For five years Silvia received top billing in many of the better night clubs as well as TV and radio shows as a vocalist . . . but, singing was not exciting enough for her, so she decided to look for an occupation involving more action. This was not difficult, because in Cuba they have many Girl Boxing Matches. This appealed to Silvia, so she contacted one of the boxing trainers and he made arrangements to start her on regular routine workouts. Before

long, the former singer was a boxer.

In the same Gymnasium where Silvia did her training there were wrestlers working out. Before long, Miss Torres discovered that wrestling was far more fascinating to her than boxing, and she then knew that if she could become a wrestler, her future would hold both financial security and excitement.

After two years of continuous training, the once known "Singer-Boxer" started out in professional wrestling. Silvia has wrestled in countries such as South America, France, Spain, Puerto Rico. When she returned to her native land, she entered a tournament for the Cuban Championship, which she won and still holds.

**COWBOY BOB ELLIS**

Plenty of mat knowledge, backed by one of the finest physiques in the wrestling fraternity, along with 235 pounds of speed and muscle, topped with black curly hair, could be the reason why Cowboy Bob Ellis is a popular guy.

He stands well over the six-foot mark, by about four inches.

Bob was born and reared at San Angelo, Texas, on a hugh ranch where as he tells it, *"I hope to die."*

Entering McMurry College he was a cinch to go out for the team. What team? The college rodeo team of course where he starred in bronc riding and steer wrestling. This was nothing new to Bob since he rode his first steer at the age of 12 and two years later was winning blue ribbons in rodeo contests throughout Texas.

Along with his steer wrestling and bronco bustin' Ellis decided that body building and wrestling were suitable supporting sports.

Ellis was started in the wrestling game by the one and only Ed (Strangler) Lewis who took notice of Bob's talents and suggested that the big Texan wrestle for a living. It was coaching by Lewis that has made Ellis the outstanding star he is today.

An eye-catching favorite with the ladies "Big" Bob is respected by the male generation too because they respect his being every inch a man.

During World War II Bob served with the paratroopers making 53 jumps in all. His hobby is photography and you might find his pictures in any magazine alongside his great wrestling record.

His select foods are steaks, Texas style, 18-inches in diameter and four inches thick. Another hobby is swimming.

**TEXAS RASSLIN' . . .**
***BY TEXAS BOB UTTER***

A skirmish between main event wrestlers and several fans spiced a sensational scrap at the City Auditorium in Houston recently when Fireball Pepper Gomez and Tosh Togo locked horns in a Pier six thriller before a sellout house.

Gomez, 205, Los Angeles, California, former holder of the Texas heavyweight championship, and underdog all the way, dropped the first fall to the powerful Jap in 16:23 with an army claw but he returned to even the count at one-all by taking second honors in 6:57 with a disqualification being handed him by referee Paul Boesch. Boesch was named special "third man" by the State Athletic Commission for this bout. Boesch claimed Togo's version of the "sleeper" was a choke. The third and deciding session went to the California mat star when he turned the Jap's sleeper into an airplane spin in his favor. Togo weighed in at 238 pounds.

Semifinal action saw the Fabalous Kangaroos, Al Costello and Roy Hefferman, hailing from Australia, team to defeat the duo of El Medico, former Texas Heavyweight King, and Rito Romero, in a one-fall sizzler. The Kangaroos have one of the finest working partner teams in wrestling. They made things look easy all the way.

Freddy Fraley, son of veteran Pat Fraley, captured the hearts of those present in a preliminary bout when he flopped Blonde Johnny Valentine, Seattle, Wash., in one of the shortest bouts on record in the Lone Star State. The time of the fall was 6-seconds. Young Fraley also gave a rock and roll presentation by playing his guitar and singing to the sellout crowd.

A preliminary that could have been the main event saw Wild Red Berry, 210, Pittsburg, Kan., and Duke Keomuka, 218, Honolulu, Hawaii, wrestle to what should have been a 15 minute draw. However, Berry, not being satisfied with a stalemate, asked for an extra five minutes saying that he could pin the Duke. Keomuka flopped Berry.

Dangerous Danny McShane, 215, Houston, Tex., defeated Pat Fraley in the opening bout. McShane informed those present and Promoter Morris Sigel that he and Red Berry would form a team and beat anything in Texas. They would like a crack at the Kangaroos but may settle for El Medico and Pepper Gomez, world's tag team champions.

The main bout at the City Auditor-

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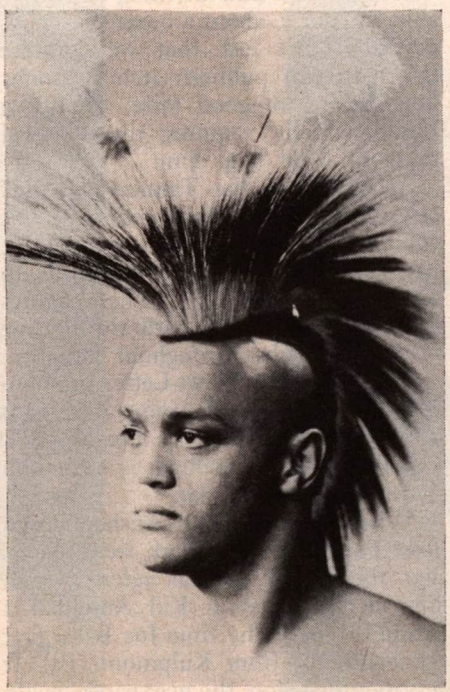
**Skull Murphy, one of the most "hated" men by the fans because of his tactics seen here receiving a dose of his own medicine. Enriquez Torres has him tied in knots. Torres won the match in 12:08 of their match.**



**Black Hawk, 215 pound, 5' 11" Indian from New York's Seneca Tribe, uses Jiu Jitsu blows with the flat of his hand to conquer his foes. He is one of the ring's fastest, both afoot and with the ease with which he makes escapes.**

**Kitty Adams, a Texas beauty, gaining fame in Texas rings, who is aiming to compete in the Girls championship Tag Team tournament to be inked in for Florida this winter. Kitty is one of the strongest of the girls around.**

FEATURE

# A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

## By BOB ALLEN

**WELL, here we are almost at the close of another year;** the kind of a year in which a man who served as a boxing judge for close to forty years confessed he got sick at the sight of blood; a town named Cut and Shoot, Texas, became better known than the heavyweight challenger who came from there; three American heavyweights—one right after the other—were defeated in European rings; Rocky Marciano announced for the hundredth time that he is not planning a comeback; Ezzard Charles did come back but got nowhere; Archie Moore told a reporter he was 49 years old; the St. Nicholas Arena, oldest fight club in America, had to curtail activities during the summer for lack of a television sponsor; the National Boxing Association elected a president representing a State where there is hardly any boxing; a television executive tried his hand at fight promoting, with dubious results; Willie Pep, with more fights under his belt than any other boxer now active, continued campaigning; two world championships were held by boxers hailing originally from Africa (Hogan Kid Bassey, featherweight champion, from Nigeria; Alphonse Halimi, bantam champ, from Algiers); Ray Robinson became world middleweight champion for the fifth time; not a single championship bout was held at Madison Square Garden or a New York ball park; the large Puerto Rican population in New York hailed a new boxing hero—Jose Torres—for the first time since Pedro Montanez flourished twenty years ago; California became the most important boxing State in the country; a non-title 12-round welterweight match in Los Angeles drew larger gate receipts than a world heavyweight title match in the same city two weeks before; wrestling attracted far larger crowds to Madison Square Garden than boxing; the International Boxing Club got a new president and a new matchmaker; an eight-round semi-final bout in Baltimore was cut to five rounds to fit a television time schedule; final arguments were heard by the Supreme Court in the Government's anti-trust suit against the IBC; Pete Rademacher, who made his first professional start in '57 by meeting the heavyweight champion, made his second pro start in '58—and boxing blushed at his ineptitude; the manager of the heavyweight champion received far more publicity than the titleholder; a New York boxing judge was indicted on a charge of accepting a $50 bribe in a fight at which he did not officiate; a southpaw—Kenny Lane—came closer to winning the lightweight title (in a bout with Joey Brown) than any left-hander since Lew Tendler. Yes, '58 has been quite a year so far.

**It must be that boxers are more religious-minded** than other athletes. Perhaps that's why we note in so many stories about boxers that they "always read the Bible" in their dressing-rooms before a fight. How come we never read about hockey players or golfers or baseball players reading the Bible just before engaging in a contest? Invariably it's the boxer who does so.

Not that we find anything objectionable, of course, about a boxer's religious devotion. It's just that we consider this particular publicity item as somehow lacking in good taste. And if a boxer actually requires this sort of build-up, God help him!

**According to the Tanners' Council of America,** leather production in this country has been going up steadily, like from 5.9 million hides in July to 6.1 million in August. These figures are hard to reconcile with the decline of boxing clubs throughout America.

**The last NBA News-Letter announced the suspension** of various boxers for actions "detrimental" to boxing. We regard this NBA spelling as an action detrimental to grammar.

**When Frankie (Kid) Anslem boxed Jose Torres in New York** some weeks ago there were several references to him in the press as Kid Anselm. It reminds one of the time Joe Baksi first came around from Kulpmont, Pa. It was months before the newspapers could decide between Baksi and Baski. The same situation obtained when Kid Gavilan came to these shores from Cuba. For a long time he was known as Kid Galivan. But then, as we mentioned in these columns some months ago, Joe Louis still gets mail addressed to him as Joe Lewis.

**There was a paragraph in a New York paper recently** explaining what the IBC gets from its Friday night television sponsor. *"The total amount,"* said the story," is $22,500. This is split *down the middle—$12,250 to the IBC and $12,250 to the Garden. There are reports that the amount is higher but they are untrue. The figure is still* $22,500." This is what is known as "Higher Mathematics."

**Bob Hines was a promising midwest heavyweight whose career was impeded by an arm injury.** The other day he was telling Leo Fischer, Chicago Herald American sports editor, why he has so much admiration for his manager, the 82-year-old Ike Bernstein.

*"I was ready for anything after I had my first fight for Bernstein,"* said Hines. *"I happened to win by a two-round knockout and when Ike came to me after the fight I thought to myself 'well, here's where I begin to get cut-up'. Instead, Ike handed me my check, then dug into his pocket and pulled out some cash. He said to me: 'Here, take this money, too. I don't think your purse is big enough to cover your expenses'."*

**According to the boxing rules of Louisiana,** no draw decisions are permitted in that State. If a fight ends even the judges must name a winner on their overall impression of the fight. We wonder if it ever happens that an out-of-Stater makes as favorable an overall impression in a close fight as a native, say, of New Orleans.

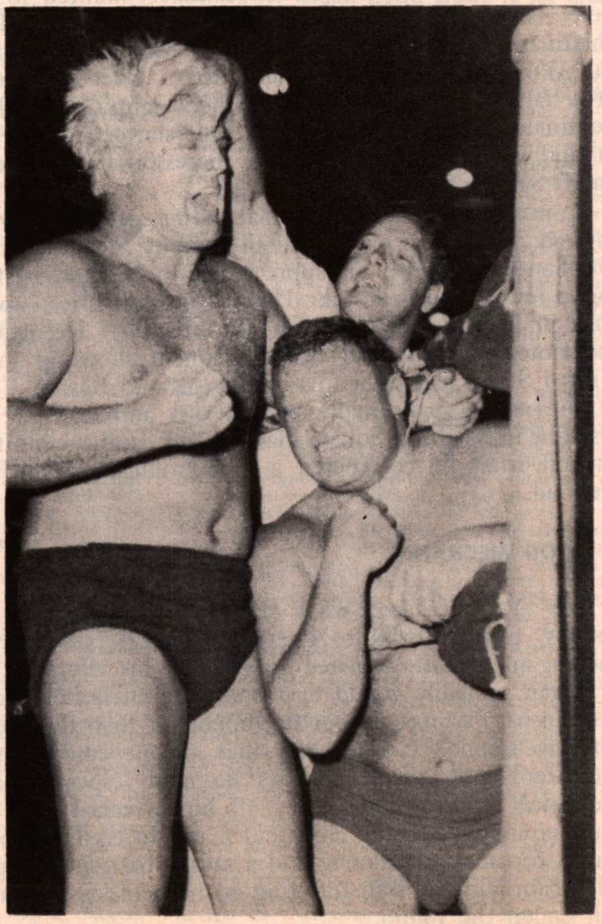
**Billy Conn was in New York recently** and again discussed his memorable first fight with Louis when Conn, ahead on most score cards, was knocked out in the thirteenth round. Billy still prefers to believe his downfall came because he *"lost his Irish head."* On the very same day as Conn's visit to New York, the wire services carried Bobby Scanlon's explanation for his kayo at the hands of Paoli Rosi in California. *"I lost my Irish head,"* said Scanlon.

# ACTION THE GRAHAM BROS.

## Mayhem Incorporated... Ed and Jerry Graham, Two Cocky, Rough 'Em Up and Sock 'Em Villains Who Have Added Zingy Flavor To The Mat Sport

A couple of champion cut ups . . . left to right . . . Dr. Jerry Graham, friend Bobby Davis, and Eddie Graham immediately after they had won the Tag Team title from Lewin and Curtis at the Capitol Arena, Washington, D. C.

Here we see the same trio . . . Dr. Jerry being aided by Bobby Davis, bandaging up what's left of Brother Eddie's head after a rough match. The other guys? They're in no condition to be photographed.



My Friend! Eddie Graham seems to be attempting to prove a point to Arnold Skogland during one of the Graham matches. This one was won by Eddie.

# Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

A WORLD champion in action in Madison Square Garden, even in a non-title appearance, is an unusual event these days.

Until Hogan (Kid) Bassey displayed his wares against Carmelo Costa, nearly two years had elapsed since New Yorkers last viewed a champion in the flesh in the House That Tex Built.

If it hadn't been for Bassey himself, there is no saying how much longer the local clientele would have had to wait for an in-the-flesh peek at a champion. New York seems to have become the Forgotten City for title-holders.

When his current American tour was being arranged, the Liverpool-based Nigerian requested his manager, George Biddles, an English tavern operator, to include a Madison Square Garden appearance in the list. No fighter, not even a champion, considers his career complete without at least one showing in the historic edifice which for so long has been the Mecca of the boxing world.

Then, there was another reason Bassey wanted to fight here. He felt he owed a debt of gratitude to Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission and the World Championship Committee. Over the protests of a half-dozen other ranking featherweights, Helfand had nominated Bassey as one of the four starters in the elimination tourney to produce a successor to the retired Sandy Saddler in 1957.

It was somewhat ironic that, after getting into the tourney, and going on to win the vacant title, Bassey had no chance to express his appreciation to Helfand by fighting in Julius' own bailiwick. Hogan's only American appearance in the title series was in Washington. He acquired the laurels in Paris and two subsequent showings in the United States had been in Los Angeles and Boston.

The young man finally realized his ambition to strut his stuff in Madison Square Garden and, at the same time, pay off what he considered a moral obligation to Julius Helfand.

### A GOOD MECHANIC.

New Yorkers liked what they saw of Bassey. The chunky, powerfully-built Nigerian is a real crowd-pleaser, packing plenty of two-fisted action into his efforts.

Hogan probably would have looked even better had he been in with a more cooperative apponent than the speedy, defensive-minded Costa. Not that anyone could censure the Brooklynite for the tactics he used; especially after the third round when Bassey all but wrecked him. A thunderous right to the chin sent Carmelo crashing to the canvas for one knockdown, and a savage battering dropped him again and had him tottering on rubbery legs when the bell ended the round.

After that Bassey had a problem catching his elusive opponent. Costa could hardly be faulted for his frantic back-tracking. After all, self-preservation still is the first law of nature, and Carmelo was in there to avoid disaster and last the full ten rounds if he could. He could, and did, by making full use of his agile legs and clever defensive skill. Occasionally the hard-pressed Brooklynite, in desperation, lashed out with fast flurries, and a couple of times he managed to connect with left hooks and left-right combinations, but his punches lacked authority and didn't bother Bassey.

It wasn't until after the fight that it became known that Bassey had fought under a heavy mental strain. Two days before the bout Manager Biddles had been rushed to a hospital, critically ill with pneumonia. Worried and upset, the champion hadn't been eating or sleeping too well, and it was remarkable that he fought as impressively as he did.

A fine little fighting machine, Hogan Bassey. With what's around in the featherweight ranks these days, the little Nigerian should hold on to the world title for some little time to come.

### MONTANA JACK SULLIVAN.

The press dispatch out of Butte said Montana Jack Sullivan was 81 when counted out recently. We doubt that he was quite so ancient. Somewhere in the early or mid-70s would seem more likely, since Sullivan was supposed to have been only a year or two older than Stanley Ketchel when they tangled in their memorable 20-round brawl in Butte early in 1906—and Ketchel was not yet 19, Stanley, if living today, would be 71.

Butte, the center of Montana's booming mining operations, was a popular boxing spot in those boisterous days. Most of the headliners of the era fought there.

The Ketchel-Sullivan affair was a hot local attraction. Although neither was a native—Ketchel hailing from Michigan and Sullivan from Nebraska—both had become "adopted sons," and enjoyed enthusiastic followings in and around town. Their meeting was a tremendous betting affair.

Ketchel nearly finished Sullivan in the first round when he blasted Jack to the canvas twice, but Sullivan survived the stormy beginning and fought so gallantly the rest of the way that the draw decision seemed fair enough.

Sullivan used the *nom de ring* Montana Jack to distinguish him from Jack (Twin) Sullivan, a prominent middleweight of the era.

Athletic talent in the Sullivan clan was not confined to Jack. A brother, Dan, was an outstanding amateur wrestler and competed in the Athens Olympiad in 1906. Later he turned fighter and Montana Jack and Montana Dan became a prominent brother act in the prize ring.

Although Jack never attained the lofty fistic estate reached by Ketchel after their gruelling draw, he did account for an impressive record against many of the leading middleweights

and even a few of the better heavyweights. From 1907 until 1913 he was a busy capaigner, bouncing all over the American landscape and swapping punches with the likes of Frank Mantell, Sailor Burke, Fireman Jim Flynn, Eddie McGoorty, Al Kaufman, Hugo Kelly, Al Neil, Tony Caponi, Joe Thomas and Frank Klaus. So far as we've been able to check, the only time he failed to finish was when Klaus stopped him in three rounds in New York in 1911.

When he quit the ring, Sullivan returned to Butte and, until his fatal illness, operated a popular tavern there.

**AROUND THE RING.**

Although not too successful with its venture last winter, there is talk that Sunnyside Garden in Long Island City may reopen to boxing shortly, with Moe Fleischer again looking after the matchmaking assignment. Trying to operate without TV revenue these days is a risky gamble for a small club, but the Sunnyside management feels that whatever slight losses it may incur with modest fight cards can be evened up with its bar and concession business. Then, too, the free publicity it gets from boxing helps to keep the arena active with other events.

One of Philadelphia's best known trainers, Jimmy Wilson (nee Vincent Silvano) was 54 when a heart attack carried him off recently. A fair boxer himself in the '20s, Wilson turned to training when his own fist-slinging career ended. Working mainly for "Blinky" Palermo, the list of fighters conditioned by Jimmy included Billy Fox, Ike Williams, Dan Bucceroni, Johnny Saxton and Sonny Liston.

Three-time Olympic champion (London 1948, Helsinki 1952 and Melbourne 1956) Laszlo Papp is giving the professional end another whirl. The chunky Hungarian middleweight southpaw didn't look too impressive in winning three preliminary bouts in Germany early in 1957 and when he returned to Hungary it looked as though he'd given up in disgust. After a year and a half he decided to try his luck again. Getting back into action recently, he began his new campaign by knocking out Austrian Hugo Kohler in Vienna. . . . It would seem a bit late for Papp to bid for professional glory. He stayed in the amateurs too long. He'll be 33 next March. . . . From an American standpoint, two of Papp's outstanding Olympic performances were a knockout of Spider Webb in Helsinki and a decision over Jose Torres in Melbourne.

**ODDS AND ENDS.**

The merger of New York's two managerial guilds lasted about as long as a Hollywood marriage. Two weeks after the wedding came the divorce, and the rival factions are again going their separate ways.

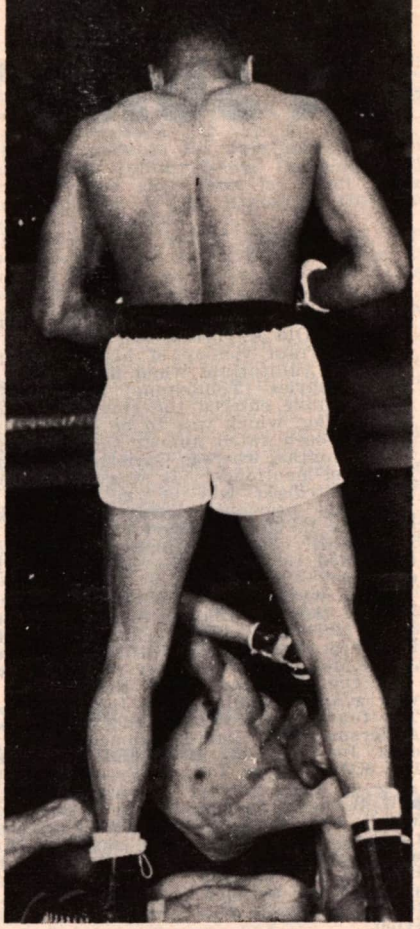
Unable to come up with a television deal, TV promoter Lester Malitz has withdrawn his financial support from the St. Nicholas Arena, but Teddy Brenner and his associates intend to keep going as long as possible. They've been one slight "break" by the landlord, who has reduced the weekly rental from $1,000 to $850. . . . The rapid rise of middleweight Jose Torres has been encouraging to Brenner. Torres' success has generated near-hysteria among the large Puerto Rican colonies here, and Brenner has been concentrating on Latin-American talent in an effort to produce another attraction or two to alternate with Torres in jamming the St. Nick.

THE month's results:

Staggered by a series of left hooks in the second, Pat McMurtry, 188¾, Tacoma, Wash., came back with a neat exhibition of shifty boxing and snappy punching to outclass heavier but less talented George Chuvalo, 207½, Toronto, Ont., in an interesting albeit one-sided ten in Madison Square Garden. Both heavies were appearing for the first time in New York and on national television and McMurtry made a fine impression on the onlookers. Older (26 years to 21) and more experienced (32 pro bouts to 14) Pat was much too seasoned for the hard-hitting but crude Canadian slugger. McMurtry had rough going early in the second when he nearly collapsed from Chuvalo's lusty swings, but he fought himself out of trouble and from then on was complete boss of operations. Relying mainly on left jabs and right uppercuts, the Washingtonian made a bloody mess of Chuvalo's features. From the second round on the claret poured out of the Canadian's nose so profusely that at times he had trouble breathing. He also suffered a gash over his left eye. Jethro Cason, 135¼, Philadelphia, edged his way to a split decision over Ernie Williams, 140, Washington, in the semi-final ten. In another ten, Eddie Jordan, 143, Brooklyn, was a surprise winner over Bill Flamio, 174½, Bronx. In fours, Tommy Smith, 124, Harlem, outpointed Andy Anderson, 121¾, Brooklyn, and Tom McNeeley, 199½, Boston, disposed of Eddie Allen, 197½, Harlem, at 1:17 of the third.

▶ Continuing with its non-TV operations, St. Nicholas Arena must have taken a stiff financial loss with its fourth show of the season. The attendance was announced as 1,294 and the gross receipts as $2,547. A substitute in the main event was responsible for the disappointing turnout. Originally, a keen local welterweight rivalry between Tony DiBiase of Astoria and Eddie Lynch of the West Side was to have been aired, but DiBiase suffered a nose injury in training and Charley Cummings of Philadelphia was brought in as a replacement. Lynch, 151, was a knockout winner at 1:59 of the ninth. The West Sider turned in a systematic job of chopping up Cummings, 148¼, and wearing him down. Before the finish, the Philadelphian was bleeding badly from gashes around both eyes. The semi-final, listed for six, ended after the second, Joey Donovan, 139¼, Astoria, winning from Tito Galvan, 137¾, Bronx, when the latter was unable to continue because of a nasty rip above his right eye. Juan Melendez, 135, Puerto Rico, and Marvin (Candy) McFarland, 136, Philadelphia, slugged to a draw in a free-swinging six. In fours, Tito Velez, 142, Brooklyn, avenged a previous defeat in the same ring by outfighting Bobby Bartels, 146½, Astoria; Bart Soni, 175, Dominican Republic, edged out George Bermuda, 173½, Brooklyn, and Tommy Pillisch, 160¾, Hungarian refugee, posted his second local win in as many starts by beating Joe Rubino, 160, Brooklyn.

▶ Unable to resist the urge, after three years of retirement, to take one more flier at ring action, 30-year-old Paddy Young, 165¼, Greenwich Village, did as well as could be expected in getting a draw with Otis Woodard, 163½, Memphis, Tenn., in a hard-fought ten at St. Nicholas Arena. It was a rugged brawl all the way, with Young having the better of the infighting and Woodard excelling at long range. Paddy was slightly in front until the closing rounds when he tired and Woodard finished strongly to even the score. Both boys drew warnings from the referee, Young, for hitting low and Woodard for holding. In a co-featured ten, Peter Schmidt, 147, transplanted German now operating out of Yorkville, piled up a big early lead then staved off his opponent's strong closing rally to edge out Johnny Gorman, 145, Brooklyn. In fours, Grey Gauvin, 147½, East Side, punched too hard and too often for Joey Versace, 147½, Wappingers Falls, N. Y.: Eddie Scurlock, 154½, Bronx, won from Danny Jordan, 149¾, Newark, N. J., and Jerry Terry, 129½, East Side, drew with Lou Caravello, 130½, Harlem. Still operating without TV, the Arena suffered another financial loss when a half-capacity attendance contributed a disappointing $3,329 to the box-office.



**Very impolite, Jose Torres turns his back to cameraman as victim Burke Emery tumbles to canvas in fifth round of St. Nicholas Arena bout. Victory gave ex-Olympian eighth straight pro victory, and sixth by kayo. Torres' tremendous hold on Puerto Rican populace accounted for largest crowd drawn to the arena in nearly 20 years.**

▶ Although no official statistics were released, a desire to see Hogan Bassey in the flesh accounted for the best turnout of fans drawn to Madison Square Garden in a year or more. The attendance for the world featherweight champion's first showing in a New York ring looked to be about 4,000, a large gathering indeed in these days of TV studio fights. Matchmaker Jack Barrett, who has been doing a fine job with his Garden supporting cards, came up with another lively, well-balanced program. In the semi-final six, Wally Livingston, 127, Trenton, N. J., was awarded a decision over Al Tisi, 129¼, Bronx, but the verdict was not entirely popular with the assembled gathering, many of whom thought Tisi entitled to at least a draw. In two other sixes, Mike Spataro, 137¼, Brooklyn, scored two knockdowns in winning from Chico Velez, 136½, Bronx, and Sid Lugo, 135½, Brooklyn, was too aggressive for Bassey's fellow-Nigerian and stablemate, Ola Michael, 136. Tommy Kelly, 124, Long Island City, slugged it out to a draw with Bert Reyes, 126, Harlem, in the opening four.

▶ The amazing hold Jose Torres has taken on the tremendous Puerto Rican population in New York was amply evidenced when the ex-Olympian, 164, drew a capacity-plus mob to the St. Nicholas Arena for his meeting with Burke Emery, 163½, Sherbrooke, Canada. The walls of the ancient West 66th Street sports citadel all but bulged out with the biggest crowd reported there in nearly

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# IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

## By BILL MILLER

ALVARO GUTIERREZ, non-stop puncher from Old Mayheeco, 148, scored the most important victory of his career at the Olympic Auditorium when he soundly walloped Charles (Tombstone) Smith, 147¾.

Tombstone entered the ring 4-1 choice in the betting, which was to be expected since he had been rated among the top ten for many months, whereas Gutierrez was among those-not-mentioned. It was the Mexican's fourth straight win at the Olympic this year, his previous victims, all by kayo, being L. C. Morgan, Karl Heinz Guder and Pat Manzi. All were thrillers, with enough bloodshed to satisfy the most gore-thirsty customer.

There was no question about the verdict. Referee Mushy Callahan voted 98-89; Judge Jack McDonald, 100-89, and Judge Russ Bradford 99-90—all for Gutierrez, of course. Judge McDonald gave every round to Alvaro.

In the six-round semi, Nat Simon, 137, won a split decision over Joe Chavez, 138. The fours: Ed Hickman, 149, dec. over Leo Anderson, 144; David Camacho, 137, dec. over Joe Jacobs, 135½; and Otis Fuller, 190, KO (2) over Johnny Freeman, 185½.

▶ Well-known in these parts is Joltin' Joe Miceli, New York welter, and he turned in the best effort of his local career at Hollywood Legion Stadium by stopping Karl Heinz Guder, Germany, in the 8th round of a scheduled ten-spot. Miceli, 149; Guder, 153. Attendance, about 3,000; gate receipts, $4150.

It was Miceli all the way, thanks to his dazzling left hook, a most potent weapon. One scribe opined that Joe could have won with one hand tied behind his back, his left was so effective.

In the semi, slated for six, Collier Cox, 127½, KO (5) over Jose Hernandez, 130½. The fours: Jimmy Wilson, 181, dec. Cleve Graham, 179½; Larry Mercer, 142, TKO (3) over Rafael Gutierrez, 140; and Lloyd Wilson, 137½, dec. Eddie Baker, 138½.

▶ My long-time friend, Tommy Farmer (he steered Manuel Ortiz into the world bantamweight title, but is now retired) hit print in Sid Ziff's column, L. A. Mirror-News.

Tommy, Boston-born, has always idolized John L. Sullivan. John L.'s birth-date, in all record-books (including our own Nat Fleischer's) is listed as October 15, 1858. Farmer contends that the Boston Strong Boy was born on October 12, 1858, and has photostat copies of Boston records to prove it. John L. was born at 5 East Concord Street, South Boston, where the City Hospital now stands.

▶ My adopted home-town, Los Angeles, has apparently come to the attention of Eastern boxing moguls, and it is about time.

Both the I.B.C., through Ned Irish, executive vice-pres. of Madison Sq. Garden, and Bill Rosensohn, who promoted the Floyd Patterson-Roy Harris title fight, speak of this city as the site for a few future world title scraps.

Heavyweight, welterweight and featherweight championships have been mentioned.

▶ Not unexpected was the triumph of Boots Monroe, 117, state bantam champ, over Herman Marquez, 115½, at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A. Monroe, making his first defense of the state title, won by TKO in 2:30 of the 10th round. It was slated for 12.

This boy Marquez is something unusual. He is a veteran of only 11 fights. At 24, he is the father of five youngsters. If he maintains that pace in the Fatherhood Handicap, he'll be a world champ.

Marquez got off to a nice lead in the early rounds. He was well ahead at the end of the 5th. But the Stockton scrapper wearied in the 7th, suffered a nasty cut over his right eye in the 8th. The injury got worse as the fight progressed, and Referee Charley Randolph, after discussing matters with Dr. Robert Rocke, the club physician, decided to halt hostilities.

It was Monroe's 21st win in 22 starts, his 17th kayo win.

In the six-round semi, Dave Martinez, 128, won a split decision over the Pasadena Chinese boy, Ward Yee 124½. The fours: Willie Bell, 168, said to be a Sugar-Ray Robinson look-alike, stopped Rocky Elliott, 162½, in the 2nd; Edmong Edwards, 127½, dec. Estes Phillips, 128½.

▶ Paul Armstead, 133, took possession of the California lightweight throne at Hollywood Legion Stadium by scoring a 10th round TKO over popular Jimmy Hornsby, also 133, in a fast, bristling battle.

Armstead was ahead on all score-cards when the fight was stopped.

In the six-round semi, speedy Raul Serrato, 129, won a split decision over Willie Lucerom, 130.

The fours: Rojelio Ybarra, 121½, split dec. over Noel Brown, 121; Artie Fox, 160, dec. Lloyd Cook, 155; and Ed Hickman, 149½, dec. Jesse Pool, 147½.

▶ Sixto Rodriguez, promising San Anselmo light heavyweight, has 20 straight victories, but he is not yet a perfectionist. He can get into trouble by being nailed with solid punches. But each time he boxed his way out of danger to take a 97-92 point decision from Willie Gilbert of Los Angeles. They fought at the Civic Auditorium in Richmond.

Gilbert, 163, made a brisk fight of it all the way despite Rodroguez' weight advantage at 171.

Sixto's constant accurate jabbing put him far ahead in punches landed, but the lighter Gilbert packed most of the dynamite. Often punches from long range thudded against Rodriguez' jaw. In the ninth, one of these put Sixto down to one knee.

Promoter Jimmy Cosenza counted gross receipts of $1407.

George Sullivan, 142, San Rafael, put Roosevelt Carter, 140, S.F., on the canvas in the first, and went on to take the verdict in six torrid rounds.

Four rounders: Bill Pate, 150, dec. Faataga Palega, 149; Al Conley, 139, KO'd Al Medrano, 133, in 1; Joe Sullivan, 181, outpointed James Head, 185.

▶ You probably saw it on TV, but c'est ne fait rien. It means: "It don't make no never-mind".

I refer to the unique promotion at the Lafayette Hotel, in Long Beach, nationally televised, between Gaspar Ortega of Mexico and our own Don Jordan, the Geronimo Kid from L.A. Only 1,000 were on hand, but they paid $25, and $15. for the privilege.

Jordan won, as you know, via split decision. Both were under the welter limit: Jordan, 143¾, and Ortega, 145¾.

The scoring: Referee Frankie Van, 116-114, Jordan; Judge Lee Grossman, 115-113, Ortega; Judge Tommy Hart, 116-114, Jordan.

It was their second meeting: their first, up in Portland, also wound up as a spliteroo, with Don winning by a nose.

Many years ago, Jimmie Bronson and I had Rene De Vos boxing Ace Hudkins in Madison Square Garden. It was a close fight; the verdict went to Hudkins. But the following morning, I got all ten metropolitan papers (there were ten, back in December, 1928).

I found a win or a draw for our boy De Vos in EVERY ROUND but one: that was the 7th, which was unanimous for Hudkins. You know: Sid Mercer (for example) gave Round 1 to De Vos; Wilbur Wood gave him Round 2, and so on and so forth.)

Well, utilizing this (blush-blush) Miller method, I found all three officials unanimous for Jordan in Round 1; Frankie Van gave Ortega Round 2; Van and Grossman gave the Indian Round 3; Grossman gave Ortega Round 4; Hart gave Ortega Round 5; Grossman gave Ortega Round 6. All 3 were unanimous giving Ortega won Round 7; all unanimously gave Jordan Round 8; Hart called Round 9 a draw; Grossman gave Ortega Round 10; Hart called Round 11-even-Stephen; and all three gave Ortega Round 12.

That gives you the general idea. It was a very close scrap.

In the 8-round semi, Larry Maldonado, 167, dec. Orlando Di Pietro, 164½; the fours: Dillard Jackson, 152½, dec. Kid Rayo, 153; and Lloyd Wilson, 137, dec. Dave Camacho, 137½.

Oh, yes: each boy got a check for $5,000, (Jordan and Ortega) of which $4,000. was TV dough, the balance their share of the gate.

▶ Down San Diego way, a rather sparse house was on hand to see vastly improved Monroe Ratliff, 185, score a 9th round KO over Tony Emanuel, 209. Monroe was one of Roy (Cut'n Shoot) Harris' sparmates when the Texan trained for his title fight with Floyd Patterson.

Monroe, incidentally, lost a split 10-round decision to Zora Folley last year—and believe it or not, it was Ratliff's first 10-rounder. Keep your eye on this lad.

In the companion 10-rounder, Richie Robinson, 131, drew with Robert Walker, 135. Roy Smith, 179, dec. over Cliff Hawkins, 176½, in a six-rounder, and in the 4-round opener, Orese Tatum, 167, dec. Dennis Chaney, 168½.

▶ Dwight Hawkins, 122, moved a step nearer to a state bantam title match with Boots Monroe by scoring a 5th round knockout over newcomer Baby Brown, Filipino, 121, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. On his last appearance at the Filmville arena, Hawkins knocked out Eddie Gasporra.

Hawkins hits well with both hands. He has scored knockouts with his left hook, and sent foes to the shower with a right cross. What you might call a change-of-pace pitcher.

About 1800 fans were on hand. There will be a lot more in the house when (or if) Hawkins meets popular Boots Monroe for the California 118-round crown.

The six-round semi was a thriller, and a real toughie to follow. Spider Walker, 125, was knocked down twice in the 2nd, but he came roaring back in round 3 to flatten Dick Page, 126. Incidentally, this was Walker's sixth pro fight, and his sixth straight knockout.

The fours: Baby Marron, 134½, dec. Chuck Whitaker, 133½; Ward Lee, Frankie Muche's pride, drew with Georgie Reed, 127; and Ernie Bell, 163, dec. Jeff Jones, 161.

It's all settled: Jackie Leonard formally took over as promoter at the famed Hollywood Legion Stadium, supplanting Hollywood Legion Post No. 43, which had operated the fistic plant for nearly 140 years. During that period there was lush prosperity and drastic poverty for the colorful arena.

According to Leonard, his contract with the Legion calls for a five-year lease at $50,000 per annum, with an option to renew. Jackie had to put up $25,000 as deposit, plus $4,166.67 for the first month's rent.

Leonard frankly admits that he got an advance from Truman Gibson of the I.B.C. for seven nationally televised shows in 1959; plus a personal loan from George Parnassus, Olympic Auditorium matchmaker. In addition, he had to borrow on his property from the bank.

Leonard made a smart move in keeping the Legion staff—Jimmy Ogilvie as business manager, and Don Fraser as publicist. Both are very capable. I worked with them on the Patterson-Harris promotion.

Making his first start in 11 months, Alfredo Escobar, 128¼, won the unanimous decision over Billy Peacock, 125, at Hollywood Legion Stadium, but he took a lot of body punishment in the process.

"Don't let anyone tell you Ol' Bill is ready for the scrap heap" wrote Sam Schnitzer, in the L. A. Examiner.

Escobar now has a pro score of 15-1-1. His only defeat was at the hands of Vince Delgado last year. He'd like to erase it.

Referee Lee Grossman tabbed it 98-92: Judge Tommy Hart, 96-95, and Judge Russ Bradford, 98-94.

About 3500 customers were on hand; gross gate, $4,891.60.

In the semi, slated for six, Bobby Sand, 172, knocked out favored Clyde Watson, 172, in Round 3. This was a real slugfest.

The fours: Harold Covey, 144, dec. Lou Valenzuela, 145½; Billy Bollin, 142½, dec. Dick Enriquez, 141; and Dillard Jackson, 152½, drew with Connie Citizen, 150½.

At the San Bernardino Arena, shifty Auburn Copeland, 131, racked up a 6th round kayo over Burt Singer, 129½, in what was slated as a 10-rounder. In the six-round semi, Jess Morales, 133, dec. Joe Tarin, 134.

The fours: Cleveland Graham, 181, KO (1) over George Johnson, 185; John Rabon, 142, dec. James Hudgins, 141, and Jeff Jones, 160, dec. Jimmy Baker, 161.

Things are looking up in the bantamweight division, here in Southern California, thanks to boys like Dwight Hawkins, Boots Monroe, and newcomer Jose Medel, who hails from Mexico City.

Young Senor Medel, 118, made a smashing debut at the Olympic Auditorium by scoring a 7th round knockout over Ross Padilla, Stockton Filipino, 119, before a crowd that was so enthusiastic about the little fellow from across the border that they showered silver into the ring. That's proof positive he was a smash hit.

This boy Medel has an imposing knockout record—24 kayos in 44 fights.

Medel was particularly adept in tossing uppercuts, now known as bolo punches—the name invented by the late, great Mark Kelly back in 1931, when Ceferino Garcia made his American debut at the Olympic.

He'll pack 'em in, next time out. It may well be that he's the best banty Mexico has ever sent to the U.S.A. Time will tell.

In the six-round semi, Richard Lee, 169, won the unanimous verdict over Orlando DiPietro, 164. The fours: Javier Sanchez, 146½, dec. Norman Johnson, 145; Dick Kirby, 135½, dec. Ray Walker, 137½, and Bob Anderson, 156, KO (4) over Dave Carr, 156½.

▶ Jerry Mullany reports the following matches: Richmond fans know that plenty of exciting things happen in the first or tenth round. So they are nearly always attentively seated for the opening session, and seldom leave before the free-swinging final round. This time Canadian Buddy McDonald rewarded the first round observers with two quick knockdowns over favored Johnny Wills. But Wills survived this near-disaster to take command and outbox McDonald and win the decision.

Richmond statistics—Jimmy Cosenza's promotion drew $1129 gross. Weights: McDonald, 141; Wills, of Oakland, 139. They fought at the Civic Auditorium. It was Wills' 11th victory in a row. Consensus in scoring was 97-90 for Wills. Referee: Frankie Carter.

Short right hands by McDonald floored Wills for four and three counts a few seconds after the first round opened.

In a torrid six-rounder, Joe Brewer, 160, Fresno, outpointed Johnny Heard, 159, Richmond.

Other results, all fours: Frank McCoy, 170, dec. Roscoe Elliott, 171; Chuck Carter, 148, drew with Bobby Gayton, 145; Howard Pasley, 140, KO'd Larry Vargas, 138, in 1.

▶ From Jerry Mullany:

For the past two years San Francisco had a pair of undefeated battlers who were the centers of attention in two divisions. Eddie Machen, with no losses and one draw in over twenty fights, was the heavyweight gem. Bobby Scanlon, with 32 wins, had worked his way in impressive fashion to the top ten among the lightweights.

Then fistic lightning brought disaster. The whole boxing world felt the punches landed by Ingemar Johansson when he kayoed Machen in one round in far away Sweden. And a few weeks later, at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, Paolo Rosi of Italy sidetracked Scanlon on the glory road by knocking out the youngster in three rounds.

In the first two rounds Scanlon outboxed Rosi, showing the same accuracy and apparent ring savvy that had beaten the tough Joey Lopes in Sacramento. Rosi, always plagued by cuts over his eyes, got a deep one in losing the first round.

After raking Rosi constantly at long range in the second, Scanlon opened the third by flooring Rosi for no count.

A long left, followed by an explosive right to the chin, put Scanlon down again. He got to one knee as the final numbers were tolled by Referee Matt Zidich, but failed to beat the decisive "ten" as he arose.

Rosi proved to the San Francisco fans that they were much in error. These observers knew Rosi was one of the best, but figured his year's layoff would make him rusty and an easy decision victim for razor-sharp Scanlon. This apathy was reflected in the attendance of 3512, paying a gross of $15,325. Pre-fight expectations had been for a gate twice as big.

In an eight-rounder staged after the main event, Luke Easter, 138, S.F., got off the floor in the third to win the decision over Jess Morales, 132, Los Angeles.

Prelim fours: Irish Pate, 152, dec. Deacon Bryant, 149; Johnny Payne, 168, TKO'd Gene Brasher, 165, in 1; Howard Pasley, 138, outpointed Antonio Quintell, 139.

▶ Stockton fans, like those in other cities, often exercise their privilege of telling a fighter what he did wrong. And the fighter answers: "They weren't up there taking those punches for ten rounds."

Nearly every fan at Stockton's Civic Auditorium claims he saw Little Cezar, 122, "telegraph" a potent left hook directed at the jaw of Frankie Duarte, 123.

However, No. 1 Target Duarte did not see the blow coming, and it floored him for an eight count in the tenth round. This stopped any rally Frankie may have had in mind to catch up with Cezar's advantageous point total. Cezar won with a 97-92 score consensus. Duarte was down for four in the third.

**Don Jordan, the Geronimo Kid from Los Angeles, scored his second split decision over Gasper Ortega, a twelve rounder at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach, to secure for himself the number one ranking among challengers for Virgil Akins' welter title.**

In a much-discussed grudge return match, Joe Vargas, 125, Stockton, repeated a decision victory in six rounds over Al Carroll, 130, Sacramento.

Cleo Frazier, 160, Stockton, outpointed Jimmy Jones, 153, L. A., in a second six-rounder.

▶ Things did not start out favorably for clever and hard-hitting Willie Morton on the day he was scheduled to battle Damasco Collazo in Sacramento. At the mid-day weigh-in, Morton weighed 142½, when he had agreed to make 140. Two hours later he had pared down to 140. When the fight started, Collazo, a rangy Cuban lightweight, definitely outboxed Morton for the first two rounds. But from then on it was all Morton. After giving Collazo a severe pounding, Morton won by an eighth round TKO.

It was again demonstrated that two out-of-town main eventers, no matter how capable, will seldom draw in Sacramento. The bout at Memorial Auditorium had 956 spectators, who paid $1986 gross. Taking a loss was the Larry Duccini Boxing Club.

In the third Collazo's right eye was closed. Shortly thereafter the 135 pounder suffered visible damage over the left optic. With these handicaps, he took a steady pounding from Morton until Referee Pete Morelli halted proceedings in the eighth.

Other results: Joe Padilla, 137, dec. Al (Clown) Moore, 138, in 6; Mutt Goodwin, 157, TKO'd John Chitmon, 158, in 5; Al Carroll, 135 stopped James Peroddy, 136, in 3; Otha Swanigan, 178, halted Buddy Hall, 184, in 1.

▶ One of the battlers at the Civic Auditorium in Oakland was Bobo Olson, 173, former middleweight champion of the world. The other was Don Grant, 167, who had tangled with many of the best, including Floyd Patterson. This was a comeback test for both fighters, and Olson won by a TKO in 2.32 of the seventh round. Gross receipts were $8834, with net of $8377. Promoter was Jimmy Dundee.

Most observers thought that Olson looked good in his victory, boxing well despite a layoff of more than a year. The left hook which he used so formidably as champion was constantly reaching its target.

In the seventh, when Grant was being hit hard and often, Referee Frankie Carter halted proceedings. Just before the end Olson had floored his foe for a no-count with a left hook to the jaw.

Also making good in a comeback encounter was Esau Ferdinand, 165, veteran S. F. campaigner. He wont a split decision in an action filled eight rounder against Tommy Villa, 175, of Decoto.

In the fours Jerry Hunnicutt, 155, TKO'd Don Kelly, 156, in 4; Art Garcia, 144, dec. Howard Pasley, 143.

▶ In his second fight in the United States, Kid Javellana, 140, of the Philippines, won a unanimous decision over Jorge Macias, 138, in Memorial Auditorium at Stockton.

Macias, a San Jose resident, formerly of Mexico City, used his vast ring experience to make Javellana extend himself every minute of the ten rounds. But youth and speed proved the big factors for the Kid in the later sessions.

Point consensus for Javellana was 99-94. Referee was Johnny Reno. Unofficial statistics indicated there was no profit margin for Promoter Willie Hunefeld, the gross receipts being $1451.

Preliminaries: Darrel Layton, 167, KO'd Joe Gunther, 169, in 1; Benny Casing, 119, stopped Roberto Espinosa, 122, in 3; Al Carroll, 132, dec. Mike Martinez, 131, in 4; Doug Garrett, 156, drew with Dave Brown, 152, in 4.

Lightweight Rudy Jordan always puts up a crowd pleasing fight, but veterans Jimmy Carter and Teddy (Redtop) Davis will attest that the Los Angeles southpaw is an absolute whirlwind when he performs at Fresno. A month after stopping ex-champion Carter in six rounds, Jordan won by a wide-margin decision over Davis in ten sessions. The battles were at Fresno Memorial Auditorium.

Jordan and Davis each weighed 141. Referee Frank Manfredo, sole official, voted 99-92 for Jordan. The program promoted by Duke Garabedian drew $3238 gross.

Davis, a former featherweight title contender with a record of more than 200 fights, kept up a fast pace throughout, but was outgunned by Jordan in all of the key exchanges.

## OREGON BOXING
### *By E. Campillo G.*

**RUDY CORONA, THE YAQUI BANTAMWEIGHT,** 116.5, decisioned Jose Oliva, 116, of Cuba in a ten rounder.

Jorge Chavez, 134, kayoed Jesus Morales, 135, in three. Antonio Gutierrez, 124, halted Nabor Rivera, 122, in two.

Jesus "Charrito" Velarde, 95, decisioned Gaby Peralta, 91.5, in a four rounder. Velarde fights as Charrito Kid.

▶ Joe Arias, 125, kayoed Gerardo Zepeda, 125, in the sixth round of scheduled ten.

Manny Ortega, 144, stopped Tony Garcia, 141, in two rounds. Tony Lopez Smith, 133, stopped Chale Silva, 134, who could not answer the bell for the third round.

Fernando Gomez, 119, kayoed Lucio Flores, 117, in two rounds. Pedro Hernandez, 110, decisioned Jesus Garcia, 113, in four rounds.

▶ At Hermosillo, Pimi Barajas stopped Grillito Aguilar in the seventh round of a great bantamweight bout.

▶ A week later, also at Hermosillo, Pimi Barajas stopped Jorge (Pulga) Herrera in the seventh round of a bantamweight fight.

▶ Camilo Flores stopped Tony Saucedo in the fifth round of a lightweight bout at Navojoa.

In a thrilling fight, Kid Bachomo stopped Rafael Apoda in the eighth round. They are bantamweights.

Tony Cruz stopped Rudy Diaz in a punishing fight in the sixth round. They are bantams. Raton Diaz stopped Danny Frisso in the second round of a flyweight contest.


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# JOHN L. SULLIVAN, BORN A CENTURY AGO, A FIGHTER OF SPLIT PERSONALITY.

By NAT FLEISCHER

ONE hundred years ago, on October 15, 1858, when boxing was in the hands of ruffians, barroom brawls and fights in cellars and barns were frequent, police raids, knifing and gun play were headlined every time an important fistic contest took place and fights with the bare knuckles were the mode of procedure in boxing events, John L. Sullivan was born. John Morrissey, the first fistic celebrity to become a U. S. Congressman, had been enthroned as American heavyweight king only five days before; three months previously, Tom Cannon, who had claimed the heavyweight crown in 1825, shot himself following a long illness; and John C. Heenan, who had lost the championship to Morrissey, was preparing himself for his great international battle in London with Tom Sayers.

It was a period of unrest into which the Boston Strong Boy made his entrance. But it was the kind of world which even as a youth, Sullivan, the Pride of New England, enjoyed. He fitted right into the picture as a dare-devil athlete who feared no one and later became not only the most renowned pugilist in the world, but climbed, by means of his mighty fists, to the pinnacle of fame.

His was a career unparalleled in boxing history. A man of powerful physique, intellect, proficiency in various forms of athletics, an able thespian, lecturer and a drunkard. After his retirement following his defeat by James J. Corbett and the loss of his title, he turned to prohibition and was widely acclaimed as a speaker on temperance.

President Theodore Roosevelt, writing from the White House to his friend Steve O'Donnell, Harvard boxing coach, called the Boston Strong Boy *"the greatest fighter I've ever seen."*

It was only natural that Sullivan, having been brought up in an environment where brawn counted far more than brains, should have become a controversial figure. He was a sort of Jekyl and Hyde, his likes and dislikes being carried to extremes. His affection toward some and his hate for others, brought him both praise and severe censure.

His bitterness towards Corbett, a feud that lasted many years after John L. had been dethroned by the California bank clerk, is a matter of ring history. Two decades passed before they shook hands and smoked the pipe of peace following the Moran-Willard fight in the old Madison Square Garden.

Contrast that with his generosity, his love for the youth of America, his aid to public spirited programs and his patriotism, and you have the picture of this man of split personality, a product of his turbulent times. Many stories and books have been written on the career of the "Champion of Champions", the most recent, one by me, *"John L. Sullivan"*. One never tires reading about his ring battles, his escapades, his witty sayings, his world travels and his temperance lectures. They are all part of American history.

It has often been asked why John L. Sullivan retained his popularity until the day of his death. The answer is simple—because he was the most generous fighter in the history of the American prize ring and that includes past and present day popular members of the fistic profession. With the exception of the short time after he had retired during which period he attempted to do bookmaking at a New York race track, the Boston Strong Boy was not a frequenter of gambling dens nor did he indulge in gambling on a large scale.

In his palmy days, he gave generously to the needy and to all kinds of religious and charitable institutions. He was truly a noble-hearted man despite his escapades in his fighting days. He did enough for humanity to earn the respect of those with whom he came in contact. The human side of his character was so different from that of the John L. Sullivan of the roped square and the barroom brawls, as to make him a sort of Jekyl and Hyde character.

Even when he traveled around the country fighting his way into the hearts of his fellow Irish by stopping all comers in one night stands, he mixed humane with vicious traits. First he'd knock an opponent cold, then he'd mop up a saloon and wind up by handing out gifts to the needy and the sick.

Newsboys came in for their share of his generosity. He liked the lads who sold papers and would frequently stop to discuss fights with them. Then he'd grab their load of papers and either buy them outright and toss them to the onlookers or make them buy the papers to aid the lad. And whatever he got in sales, he would more than match with his own money. That was the John L. who was so popular with the fight fans.

Sullivan made several tours, the most lucrative of which was that of 1883, following his victory over Paddy Ryan at Mississippi City, which gave Sullivan the heavyweight title. He grossed $227,000 of which he and his manager, Al Smith, split $189,000. That year Sullivan made and gave away a fortune. It was one protracted season of money spending and wine drinking on the part of the Champion of Champions. While most of the money was foolishly wasted, much of it he gave to charities. According to the figures of his business manager and treasurer, he had given to charity and to down and outers, a total of $29,700. He didn't toss it, he hurled it good naturedly with that big, generous hand and heart of his.

In almost every city, the Sisters of Charity paid him a visit. Sullivan was a Catholic and Catholic institutions never had to ask him twice for alms. He gave lavishly. Stopping in Chicago on his tour, two Sisters of Charity came up to his room and asked for aid. He put his hand into his pocket, took out a fifty dollar bill, placed it in the hand of one of them and remarked:

*"Here, Sister, you are far more worthy of this than John L. Sullivan. I'm sure you can put this to better use than I can."*

For many years, as is well known, John L. Sullivan refused to speak to Corbett. Though he remarked in public that he was glad an American boy won the championship from him and that the title would rest in America, he hated Corbett and shunned him. Throughout the years before he made up with his conqueror in New York City, Sullivan never hesitated to say just what he thought of Gentleman Jim. He was always straight to the point as a ray of light.

What he thought—he said—in fact he roared, and his dislike for those whom he deemed his enemies, was as unwavering as was his loyalty to those he counted his friends. And that's exactly how he acted towards Corbett whenever they met, until the hatchet was buried.

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# WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

by JOE SMITH

UNITED STATES Air Force boxers triumphed in the final event of the Britannia Shield competition—a tournament for World War II allies in London, England.

The shield, a piece of charred oak picked out of London's bomb-damaged Guild Hall, went to the British Royal Air Force on the basis of results in four sports.

The United States Air Force won four of the ten boxing titles. Airman 2/c D. Adamson took the flyweight title, Airman 1/c. F. Burris the light welterweight, Airman 1/c. D. Harrison the light middleweight and Airman B. Foster the heavyweight crown.

## MARINES REALLY LANDED

Camp H. M. Smith, Oahu—Gabriel Torrenes, a fledgling 156 lb. belter, scored a brace of knockouts in as many chances to spark action by Hawaii Marines boxers in the 36th annual Maui County Fair at Kahului on the Valley Island.

Leatherneck mittmen came home with seven wins and eight losses after tangling with top amateur fighters from the Army, Hawaii A. C., Maui A. C., Puunene Community Association, Haiku A. C., and East Maui Community Association.

Staged at the Fairgrounds in an open-air arena, the two-night card drew near capacity crowds of around 1,500 fans nightly.

Following the main event each night, fight officials awarded individual trophies to participants of the outstanding fight on the card.

In each case, Marine battlers were included among the winners. Eddie Woods, 147 lbs., received the winner's trophy on the opening night card, while Glenn Nakai, 139 lbs., got the nod on the final night.

Woods scored an easy decision over Clarence Petty of Army, while Nakai lost a close battle to Army's Alfred Driscoll.

Torrenes, the first Marine to see action on the opening night card, chilled Army's Jerry Armstrong in 1:50 of the second round with a hard overhand right.

Seconds before the knockout, Torrenes flattened Armstrong for an eight count and when the Army boxer regained his feet, Torrenes caught him flush on the jaw with a looping right. Armstrong bounced under the ropes in a neutral corner, where he took the full count.

Fighting the semi-final Torrenes put Emiliano Rodriques (Maui A.C.) away in 1:09 of the first round. Torrenes tagged his opponent with a clean right to the head for a knockdown and repeated the blow for a kayo. In neither case did the punch appear to be a telling one, but the Maui lad stayed down until revived by his handlers.

**Left to right: Col. Wm. D. Lynch, Commander 165th Inf. N.Y.N.G.; S/Sgt. Carlos Ortiz, 4th ranking lightweight contender, and Ed Ferguson, Manager of Ortiz. Col. Lynch was congratulating Sgt. Ortiz on his unanimous decision over Johnny Busso. (Photo by Chas. Bautz)**

In an opening night 139 lb. scrap, Eddie Woods outpointed Clarence Petty after knocking the Army fighter off his feet in the second round. Petty rallied but Woods got the nod from the judges. Their fight was rated the "best bout" on the card.

Leatherneck George Walker kept his left jab working to perfection as he decisioned Army's Claudius Williams in a 143 lb. bout and teammate Ray Phillips counter-punched his way to a close nod over Andy Heilman of Army in the 165 lb. class. Both of these bouts were on the second night card.

Other Marine winners were: Lee Hackney (139 lb.) decisioned Al Driscoll of Army; and Carmen Scialabba (132 lb.) decisioned George Dutro of Maui A.C.

Donald Matsumura, a 112 lb. leatherneck scrapper, lost twice by decision—once to Ken Lewis and a second time to Juan Jose. Both his contenders were Army fighters. In the first night's action Matsumura had more trouble with his loose fitting headgear than with his opponent, but the gritty featherweight fought a tough battle all the way.

## THE FIGHTING BEARCATS

The Bearcats "Orbit" Missile Command is featured in The Ring for the first time, with a fine report turned in by Sp 4s Ronald Eales & Howard Gates.

Hqs., U.S. 7th Inf. Div., Korea . . . Coach Rocky Parent's ringmen proved to be the Bayonet Div's "anti-missile" defense as they rocketed to eight out of ten decisions from the 4th Missile Command in the 1958 boxing debut at Bearcat Gym. The 31st Infantry Bearcats are the defending Eighth Army champions, having won the title three straight times.

From the opening round of the first of ten bouts, the Bearcats clawed their opponents with ease almost as a warning to all Korean teams to beware the powerful men of Camp Casey. One knockout and four T.K.O.'s accounted for five of the eight victories, with two unanimous decisions and one split decision accounting for the remaining three. The Missile squad won their first on a split decision and the last fight of the evening by a knockout.

Anthony Pascuzzi, 7th MP Co., battled Johnny Maupin, 7th Misl. Comd. for two rounds before lowering his opponent with a series of hard lefts and rights, knocking him to the floor for the count at 2:15 of the third round, giving the Bearcats the first match in the 126 lb. class.

Bearcats' William Barlow continued the victory string as he came out swinging and downed the startled Antonio Mirando almost with the opening bell. Knocking down the

missile fighter twice in the first two minutes, Barlow caught him with a left and right to bring the fight to an end and score a technical knockout with 35 seconds remaining.

In the third fight of the evening Wilfredo Alvarado, 31st Inf., battled Jim Travis into a daze in the first round and continued into the second with a hard barrage of blows, winning by a TKO in 1:20 of the second round.

Bob Glass took the fourth straight decision for the 31st fighters as he scored another TKO in 2:16 of the second round against William Martinelli. Glass broke Martinelli's defense with lefts and rights to the face causing the losers' nose to bleed. In the second round a hard series of blows sent blood and Martinelli's mouth piece flying to end the match.

The fifth fight of the evening before the capacity crowd was in the 125 lb. open class with Son Hyon Ku, 31st Inf., scoring a unanimous decision over Colon Diaz, 4th Misl. Comd., after three hard bruising rounds. Ku kept close with hard body blows, pushing the fight for the entire six minutes. Diaz's left hook continuously left him open and Ku took full advantage of it.

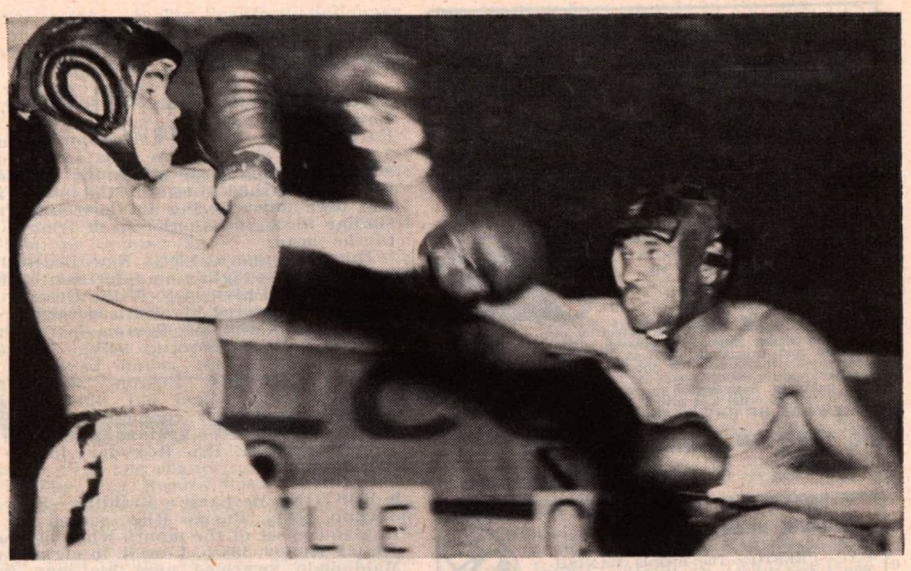
Dick Flynn, 31st Inf., took the sixth straight Bearcat's fight over Willis Attaway in the 147 lb. class with a split decision. Both fighters came out swinging at the bell but then slowed down to feel each other out. In the second round Flynn took a little edge in point making, but each landed dazing punches. The third round saw two tired fighters as the judge awarded Flynn the match on points.

The Bearcats scored their fourth TKO of the night in the seventh fight as Mark Smith ended the match against Noon Bong Wong in 1:40 seconds of the first round. Hard rights and lefts to the head backed Wong to the ropes and a powerful hook to the chin sent him to the showers as the ref stopped the fight.

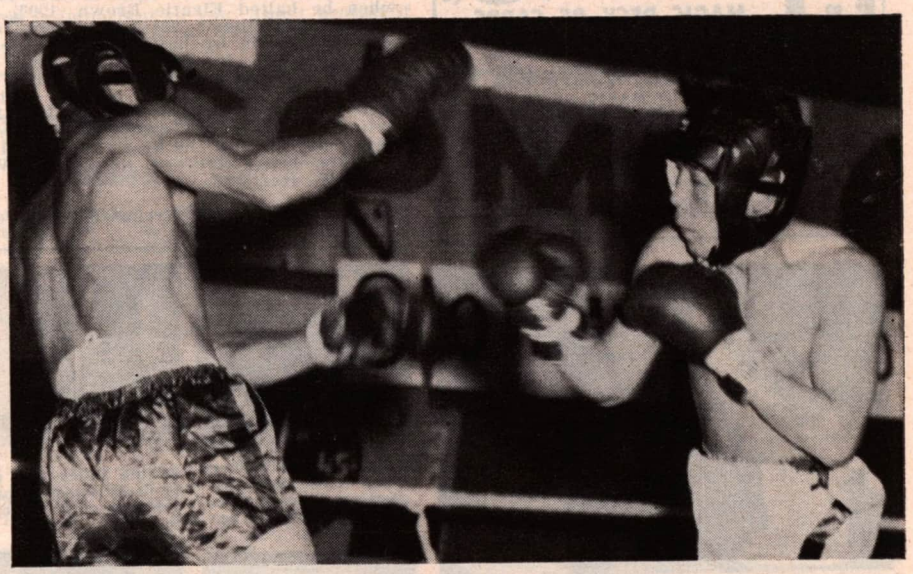
The 4th Misl. Comd. took its first fight of the evening as Milford Dowdell gained a split decision over 31st Inf.'s Nathan Hough in the 156 lb. class. Dowdell kept his punches well calculated in the first two rounds and completely tired Hough in the final round.

The Bearcats got back on the winning track in the ninth fight as Melvin Preston, 7th MP Co., blasted away at ease against Joe Harris, 4th Misl. Comd., in the 153 lb. class. Preston hit Harris at will as the shorter but well built fighter gained point after point. Having the shorter reach, Preston kept well inside to win.

Ervin Nixon, 4th Misl. Comd., ended the evening quickly as he threw only two blows at George Fowler, knocking him out in the first round.



**Hqs. U.S. 7th Inf. Div., Korea . . . Melvin Preston, 7th MP Co., left, blocks a right thrown at him by Joe Harris, 4th Misl. Comd. in the first match to be held at the Bearcat Gym.**



**Battling in the 125 pound open class, Son Hyon Ku, 31st inf. (right)., blasted Colon Diaz, 4th Misl. Command to take the unanimous decision, in another fine bout held at the Bearcat Gym.**

**Bob Glass, 31st Inf., sets Bill Martinelli, 4th Misl. Command, down for the third and last time in the second round, for a TKO. The 31st Inf. Bearcats took eight of ten bouts. (Photos by Pvt. R. Ludlam).**

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# IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
## *By Don Hamill*

**PROVIDENCE—Arcadia—Billy Ryan, 174, Lowell,** overpowered courageous Cardell Farmos, 172¾, Boston, and stopped him with a crushing right to the ribs in the eighth round. Farmos arose unsteadily as the club physician rushed in to stop the bout. Farmos had been down earlier in the round from a similar blow and in the sixth from a right to the head.

Jimmy Connors, 129¼, New Bedford, was held to a close eight round decision by Paddy Read, 129½, Providence. Willie Greene, 159½, Providence, posted his ninth victory by halting Johnny Cain, 156, Boston, in the first of a sixer. Mike Moretti, 183½, Providence, also scored a first round kayo—his over Willie Troy, 180½, Boston. Satch Jamiel, 167½, Warren, edged out Sherman Dodd, Roxbury, in a four rounder. Bob Shaughnessy, 123½, Boston, gained a decision over Jimmy Ampara, 125, Roxbury, in the four round opener.

▶ BOSTON—Mechanic's Building—Iggy Maldonado, 133½, Puerto Rico, scored the New England upset of the month when he stopped Jimmy Kelley, 133½, Lowell, in eight rounds. Maldonado swarmed over his man in the fifth, sixth, and seventh rounds, and virtually beat his opponent into helplessness so that he was unable to answer the bell for the eighth round.

Bob Woodall, 200¾, Dorchester, shortened the eight round semi-final to five rounds when he halted Elvatie Brown, 190¾, New York. Lee Williams, 221¼, Roxbury, racked up another win by flattening Gene Perpall, 198, Hartford, in the second heat. Nick Previti, 140¼, South Boston, won over Mike DeFeo, 146¼, Malden, in a four spot. In other fours: Tom McNeeley, Jr., 199½, Arlington, stopped Eddie Walker, 194, Paramus, N. J., in the first round; and Guy LoConte, 148½, Medford, decisioned Wayne Lee, 147, Hartford.

▶ HOLYOKE—Valley Arena—Former world's welterweight champion Johnny Saxton, 151¼, New York, gained an unpopular split decision over Barry Allison, 148, Springfield, in ten rounds. Saxton, far from the fighting man who held the title, was an easy target for Allison who bounced punches off his countenance with regularity while at long range. In close, it was Saxton who did the scoring.

Dick DiVola, 125½, Charlestown, gained his tenth straight win when Kid Chick, 125, Southwick, suffered a nasty cut over his left eye and had to bow out in the fifth round of the semi-final. Art Holliday, 158, Hartford, proved too experienced for crude Paul Rossi, 171, Thompsonville, and flattened him in the second. Charley Wormley, 140, New York, edged George (Kid) Ross, 140, Hartford, in a four spot. Al Maglieri, 146, Hartford, had an easy time disposing of Eddie Holmes (Ivor Olmstead) 145, Springfield, in the second round.

▶ PROVIDENCE—Arcadia—George (Curley) Monroe, 144, Worcester, scored a decisive ten round decision over George Araujo, 143½, Providence. It was a bristling battle from start to finish. Monroe continually beat Araujo to the punch and staggered him in the fourth and sixth rounds.

Dick D'Orsi, 165, Providence, used a body attack to bring down Sherman Dodd, 170, Boston, in the fifth of the eight round semi-final. Willie Greene, 160½, Providence, racked up his tenth victory in quick fashion by stowing away Al Brown, 163, Dorchester, in the first round. Tommy Garrow, 137½, Claremont, N. H., halted veteran Meryl Olmstead, 134, Springfield, in the third of a sixer. Joe DiPierro, 146½, Woonsocket, outslugged Chico Fisher, 144½, Boston, to stop him in the fifth round.

▶ HOLYOKE — Valley Arena — Substitute Johnny Bean, 129½, New York, threw a scare into featherweight contender Harold Gomes, 131½, Providence, in their ten rounder. It appeared Gomes was in for an easy night when in the second round a right to the body dropped him for an eight count, and in the third round, when an overhand right to the jaw dropped Bean like a felled tree.

In the seventh round Bean caught Gomes coming in with a right to the jaw and knocked him back on his haunches. It was a couple of rounds before Gomes was able to shake the effects of the punch and take command of the fight again.

Art Holliday, 156, Hartford, and Jim Montgomery, 152, Dorchester, staged a hard punching slugfest with Holliday getting the decision on the basis of a knockdown. Allen Wilson, 144, New York, outpointed an ill-conditioned Al Maglieri, 146, Hartford, in another sixer. Charley Wormley, 138, New York, repeated this time in six rounds over George (Kid) Ross, 140, Hartford.

▶ PROVIDENCE—Arcadia—Tommy Garrow, 138, Claremont, N. H., racked up his most important victory to date, his eleventh in twelve starts, when he punched out a unanimous eight round decision over Pat McCoy, 139, Ireland. It was a free swinging affair from start to finish highlighted by a full three minute toe-to-toe exchange in the final heat.

Willie Greene, 157½, Providence, registered his eleventh straight triumph by stopping Willie Wilson, 158½, New York, in the second round of the eight round co-feature. It was also a free swinging slugfest with Wilson making a determined bid in the first round. Greene's persistent body attack brought down the New Yorker. George (Kid) Ross, 143, Hartford, outboxed veteran Al Duarte, 147, New Bedford, to gain a unanimous decision in six rounds. Satch Jamiel, 172, Warren, halted Mike Moretti, 179¾, Cranston, in the final round of a four.

▶ HOLYOKE—Valley Arena—Chico Vejar, 161, Stamford, Conn., made his local debut a brief one when he flattened Lem Harvey, 161, New York, in the second round. Vejar snapped Harvey's head back several times in the first round. In the second round a light left jab sent Harvey groveling to the canvas. He arose "unsteadily" and was an easy mark for a solid left hook that spilled him for the full count.

Dick DiVola, 126, Charlestown, continued to show promise by winning handily over lanky Bob Shaughnessy, 123, Roxbury, in the six round semi-final. Jimmy Montgomery, 155, Dorchester, punched too hard and had too much weight for game Johnny Sing Lee, 148, Long Branch, N. J., whom he stopped in the fourth round. Al Maglieri, 146½, Hartford, outscored Johnny Chorback, 139½, Jamesburg, N. J., in the six round curtain raiser.

▶ PROVIDENCE—Arcadia—Willie Greene, 157½, Providence, racked up his twelfth straight victory in a most impressive manner as he stopped Bobby Gomez, 152½, New York, in the fifth round. It was by far

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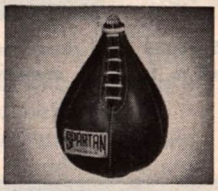

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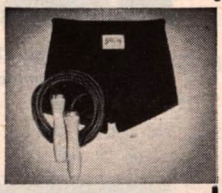

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Jimmy Connors, 129½, New Bedford, punched out a clear cut eight round decision in the co-feature with Aguilar Vasquez, 134½, Puerto Rico. Connors tried to make a fight of it but found difficulty getting thru his foe's shell-like defense. Joe DiPierro, 146½, Woonsocket, gained a six round decision over rough Jimmy Swarlinger, 145½, Boston. Clayton Thompson, 164½, New York, proved too big and strong for Art Holliday, 151, Hartford, and stopped him in the third of a sixer. Sal Cantino, 165, Boston, decisioned Satch Jamiel, 169½, Warren, in the opener of four heats.

## SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
### By Les Muller

**EUROPEAN ROUND-UP—WELKOM.** — Before a capacity crowd of 2,000 eager fans, Mike Holt (175), South African lightheavyweight champion, scored an easy 5th round T.K.O. over Jannie Scheepers (195). Holt was always in command. Scheepers was dropped for a count of nine and five in the fourth round. Scheepers was again dropped in round five, and at that point the referee stopped the fight. Les Smith (117) beat Boet Stander (124½) on points. Ken Lawrence (146) beat Karel Stols (144½) T.K.O. 4. Steve Swan (145) beat Mickey Pretorius (142½) T.K.O. 2. Piet Van Breda (156) beat Wally Schultz (159) T.K.O. 2. Pat Van Biljon (135½) beat Josh Blignaut T.K.O. 4.

▶ Vereeniging.—Sexton Mabena (117¼) South African bantamweight champion scored a magnificent second round T.K.O. win over Paul Moshoeu (116¾) at the Sharpeville Hall, Vereeniging. Moshoeu was dropped in the first round for a count of nine. In round two, Moshoeu was dropped for three long counts before his manager threw in the towel.

Phineas Khumalo (180) beat Ezrom Ngcobo (178¾) on points over six rounds. German Mhlambi beat Bogart Bohata on points over six rounds in a lightweight clash. Daniel Mokoena (109½) beat Sugar Motloung (111) on points over four rounds: Shadrack Bolioe (113½) outpointed Tiny Pepo (108) over four rounds. Ratton Mahano (116½) beat Aaron Mokhele (118) on points also over four rounds. Joe Kabi (146) beat Babe Letsoenyo (139½) on a third round T.K.O.

▶ Johannesburg.—Leslie Tangee retained his Transvaal bantamweight title when he outpointed Peter Samuels at the Bantu Men's Social Centre, Johannesburg. Samuels was dropped for a count of eight in the second round. Tangee had a good sixth round and really hammered the challenger. Nimrod Mofokeng (146) only managed to last 2 min. 40 sec. with Makreed Mofokeng (146). They are brothers.

Eric Ntsele scored a good win over Elliot Tshabalala. The fight was stopped in the sixth round. Kenneth Daniels (133½) lost to Ishmael Mokone (135¾) on points over four rounds. Willie Sekhu (135) beat Silas Ncala (135) on a first round T.K.O. Philip Jeze (125¾) outpointed Frans Molefe (120) over four rounds. Deaf and dumb mute Peter Radebe (117½) drew with Lazarus Ramalepe (117¼) also over four rounds.

## REPORT FROM THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA
### By D. Mills & NYASALAND

**SALISBURY, SOUTHERN RHODESIA. THE APPEARANCE OF FOUR BRITISH FIGHTERS FROM** the Al Philips stable, brought a large crowd to the Raylton Ground, for Lionel Crawford's latest promotion. Joined by another Britisher, now living in Salisbury, they opposed a team of South African Fighters.

In the Main Event, over ten rounds, the South African lightweight and welterweight champion, Johnnie Van Rensburg, Roodeport, narrowly outpointed Ron Hinson, Dagenham.

Lightheavyweight. Arthur Howard, Islington, carried far too many guns for Roy Macrae, Durban, who succumbed in the Fifth Round.

Featherweights. Promising young Robbie Wilson, Dagenham, stopped Ronnie Dean, Johannesburg, in the second round.

Flyweight. Irishborn Malcolm Macleod, Coventry outpointed Boet Stander, Johannesburg, over six rounds.

Welterweight. Jackie Bradford, Salisbury, lost on Points to Teuns Van Rooyen, Johannesburg, over six rounds.

## BOXING FOR THAILAND
### By H. D. Koslowski

**Thailand's second-ranking** lightweight, Sompong Pitaksmud, outpointed Paulito Escarlan, 6th ranking lightweight of the Philippines, in an 8-round fight at Lumpini Stadium on October 8.

There were no knockdowns. Most of the fighting was done at close range with concentration at body-punching.

Escarlan took this fight on only a short notice as a replacement for Bonnie Espinosa, who was unable to appear.

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## NOTES FROM JAMAICA
### By Ken Jones

**ISAAC LOGART, THE CUBAN WHIP, TURNED ON** white heat in the closing sessions of his match with Jamaica's Gerald Gray and thus scrambled home with a draw verdict. Referee Johnny Burns and judge Tony Bridge saw it 50-50, judge Gilbert Aarons made it 51-49 for Logart.

Logart, 147½, copped the opening round as Gray got off to a slow start, but the local lad picked up his stride in the third and outscored his man by pumping savage lefts to the face and body. His defense, too, was immaculate and up to round 8 he was comfortably ahead. Then Isaac's heavy body blows began to take effect. He scored freely in the ninth and fought Gerald to a standstill in the final frame. Gray weighed 146½.

The show, promoted by real estateman, Lucien Chen, was underwritten by Cremo Ice Cream Company. Logart's pay was $4,500. Gray collected $1,428.

In the semi-final of the biggest boxing show ever staged in Jamaica, rising young welter, Basil Campbell, upset the lightweight champion, Kid Banga in 8 rounds. Banga, a real rough customer, was never given a chance to serve up his stuff. He was outfought in every department and looked like another rung in Campbell's ladder to the top.

Promising lightweight Lester Ennis suffered a sharp setback at the mitts of Kieffer Edwards. Lester's cleverness paid little dividend against the stiff punching of Edwards who floored him early in the 8-rounder and had him hanging on for dear life in the closing stages. Referee was Seaside Johnson.

In the opening set, bantam Killer Solomon came in a last minute substitute to knock the stuffings out of featherweight Morton Gayle, now on the come-back trail. Referee Speedy Flynn halted the corporal punishment in round 3.

## DOWN ARIZONA WAY
### By Al Fenn

**THINGS ARE BOUND** to start looking in Sunny Arizona boxingwise. And if action does come in the near future, it will be on the heels of boxing's lowest ebb in many years here. There have only been four matches in the state this year. The Bobcat Torrence-Gasper Ortega fiasco last May in Tucson signaled the knell. Richard Lee, Tony Montano, Joe Shaw, L. C. Morgan, Johnny Hart Jr., and Folley are the top men here on whom boxing depends for a break. Lee is the brightest prospect to come along, with 46 amateur and 3 professional fights under his belt since his last defeat in 1956. He is a middleweight.

▶ Classy Henry Gutierrez has graduated into the main event class and you'll hear lots about him. The Golden Gloves preliminaries are drawing huge crowds in Phoenix, Douglas, and Clifton.

## MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS
### By Joe Poodles, Sr.

**PROMOTER AL FLORA'S CHARLES CENTRE BOXING CLUB** featured two of Baltimore's outstanding boxers in a double eight round windup at the Coliseum against New York City opponents and both of the local lads came through by the skin of their teeth to eek out decisions. In his second comeback bout, Tony Baldoni, 160, outpointed Young Joe Walcott, 154. While Warrenell "Boom" Lester took down the verdict over Tiger Floyd. Lester at 175, had a three pound pull in the weights over his stubborn foe. Floyd was a last minute substitute for Earl Atley of Philadelphia, and only a nine count knockdown in the final round spelled victory for Lester who hadn't fought in two years.

The crowd of 940 paying customers who contributed a gross gate of $1,586 gave the lads a real ovation after each action packed bout.

Middleweight Milton Staton kayoed Andre Lucas in the fourth round. Johnny Kaleo kayoed Bobby Carroll in two rounds of a welterweight match. Richie Argo stopped Gene Lester in the second of a lightweight mill. Welterweight Jimmy Diggs outpointed Cornelius McPaul in four, Lou Worrell defeated middleweight Willie Tyson in four.

## KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
### By Max Yeargain

**DEL NABORS, FORMER KANSAS CITY GOLDEN GLOVES** heavyweight champion, made his professional debut by scoring a spectacular knockout over Johnny Sheara, Oklahoma City heavyweight with a smashing right cross to the head in the third round of the Veterans of Foreign Wars card at Memorial hall, Kansas City, Kansas.

In the main event, Otis Fuller, 143, undefeated Houston, Texas welterweight started fast, outboxing Bobby Bickle, 144, Kansas City in the first round, but ran into a savage barrage of punches tossed by the Missourian, which put him down and out for the count in the second round.

Stormy Love, undefeated 20-year-old Kansas City heavyweight chalked up his third straight kayo when he halted Cecil Hill, Oklahoma City heavyweight in the second round. The week before, Love stopped Connie Lee, 220-pound St. Paul boxer at Minneapolis, Minn., in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

▶ Danny Hodge, 188, Wichita, former Golden Gloves champion, chalked up his most outstanding professional win at the Wichita Forum, Wichita, Kansas, when the former Olympic wrestler knocked out Ted Poole, 178, New York City in 2:35 of the fifth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Don Nutter, Oklahoma City stopped Ray Russell, 150, Wichita in the third round. Lou Del Garza, 130, Wichita halted Al Franklin, 130, Oklahoma City in the fourth. Hubert Jackson, 145, Wichita, decisioned Cecil Courtney, Oklahoma City in six. Charley Pavlis, 176, Wichita scored a T.K.O. over Glen Brown, 190, Oklahoma City in 2.

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# RATINGS

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Charley Sawyer and Willie Dillon drew, 8. French Champion Jacques Herbillon disposed of Jean Hoeffler, 6. Sandy Manuel halted Harry Haydock, 2.

Manuel Gonzalez defeated Davey Dupas, 10, but lost to Marcelo Vergas, 10, Marcelo also kayoed Chivo Diaz, 6. Cecil Shorts stopped Willie Russell, 5. Harko Kokmeyer halted Herbert Schilling, 2.

Tomas Castillo kayoed Gorilon Ortiz, 6. Joe Felan stopped Al Bouldin, 4, and Floyd East, 5. Eddie Lynch stopped Charlie Cummings, 9. Waymen Dawson halted Willie Minnifield, 3. Gene Tortorice defeated Pat Manzi, 10.

Peter Schmidt defeated Johnny Gorman, 10. Basil Campbell defeated Kid Banga, 8. Big Dynamite stopped Jimmy Chavis, 6. Jerry Jordan halted Buddy Jackson, 6.

Johnny Powell bested Willie Moran, 6. Manny Ortega kayoed Tony Garcia, 2. Curtis Cokes whipped Elmo Henderson, 6. Danny Jones defeated Fred McGary, 6.

Joaquin Flores kayoed Joe Louis Hargrove, 4. Bob Cofer beat Richie Johnson, 6. Jimmy Montgomery kayoed John Lee Sing, 3, but lost to Rudolph Bent, 8.

Art Turner kayoed Billy Arnold, 6. Al Maglieri defeated Johnny Chorbak, 6. Joe DiPierro won over Jimmy Swarington, 6.

Issac Logart kayoed Cirilo Gil, 8.

Charlie (Tombstone) Smith beat Ramon Hernandez, 10. Ralph Dupas decisioned Guy Sumlin, 10. Spanish Champion Ben Buker II outpointed Andre Davier, 8. Stan Harrington defeated Tony Dupas, 10. Tony had stopped Carleton Wilson, 6. Teddy Wright suffered his first professional defeat in 29 starts when outpointed by Giancarlo Garbelli, 10. Glen Burgess and Dick Goldstein drew, 10.

### LIGHTWEIGHTS

Paulie Armstead defeated Johnny Gonsalves, 10. Spanish Champion Bobby Ros outpointed French Champion Felix Chiocca, 10. Eddie Perkins outscored Frankie Ryff, 10. Candy McFarland defeated Isidor Martinez, 10. Mario Vecchiato decisioned Charley Douglas, 10.

Gene Gresham defeated Leroy Jeffrey, 10. Soloman Boysaw defeated Earl Dennis, 10. Henry Ferguson won from Freddie Moore, 10. El Negrito del Batey won from Efl Cross, 8. Chuck Taylor and Charlie Smith drew, 6.

World Champion Joe Brown was outscored by Johnny Busso, 10 (non-title).

Kenny Lane edged out Lahouari Godih, 10.

Carlos Ortiz outscored British Champion Dave Charnley, 10.

Mexican champion Baby Vasquez defeated Al Nevarez, 10.

Mario Vecchiato retained Italian title by drawing with Bruno Ravaglia, 12. Argentina champion Jamie Gine kayoed Elio Ripoll, 6 and beat Carmelo Sosa, 10. Florentino Fernandez kayoed Baby Cochet, 1.

Mauro Vazquez kayoed Armand Savoie, 1. Fred Galiana kayoed Vicente Panzani, 4, Manuel Seron, 7 and Angel Olivieri, 8.

Australian champion Max Carlos was outpointed by George Bracken, 12 (non-title). Richie Howard won over Tommy Tibbs, 10.

Len Matthews defeated Orlando Zulueta, 10. Willie Morton stopped Damaso Collazo 8.

Ezequiel Uribe defeated Armando Bragano, 10. Luke Easter halted Johnny Wills, 6. Rudy Jordan outscored Teddy (Rex Top) Davis, 10. Diogenes (Baby) Sagarra outscored Alberto Bisbe, 12.

Carlos (Baby) Ortiz stopped Manuel Alcala, 4. Spanish Champion Bobby Ros retained title by stopping Frank Garcia, 5, and beat Felix Chiocca, 10. Roberto Garcia kayoed Davey Walden, 10.

Richie Robinson and Robert Walker drew, 10. Aurelio Cruz defeated Ernesto Aguilar, 10. Tony Lopez Smith kayoed Chale Silva, 3, and Fili Garcia, 4.

Ray Martinez defeated Lalo Duque, 10. Florentino Fernandez, stopped Rocky Randell, 5. Al Urbina kayoed Silvestre Villarreal, 6. Al Mendoza whipped Babe Arellano, 10.

Fidel Lucero defeated Antonio Ramirez, 10. Sompong Pitaksmud scored over Paulito Escarlan, 8. Gene Gresham stopped Bob Keeling, 8. Jorge Chavez kayoed Jesus Morales, 3.

Tommy Garrow whipped Pat McCoy, 8. Javellina Kid whipped Jorge Macias, 10. Charlie Smith halted Johnny Palmer, 5.

Paulino Montes defeated Roberto Pinon, 10, and Manny Ortego, 10, and kayoed Charley Sylva, 6. Kieffer Edwards defeated Lester Ennis, 8.

Joe Reynolds halted Joe Parks, 3. Camilo Flores kayoed Tony Saucedo, 5. Ephiphane Akono edged out Edouar Ptak, 10. Candy McFarland and Johnny Melendez drew, 6. Bruno Boucher whipped Peanuts Arsenault, 8. Manuel Machado kayoed Julian Perez, 4.

Joey Donovan kayoed Tito Galvan, 2. Chucho Mendoza defeated Camilio Flores, 10. Mike Spataro defeated Chica Velez, 6. Reyes Ramirez whipped Tony Alamillo, 10. George Ross won over Al Duarte, 6.

Sid Lugo won over Ola Michael, 6. George Sullivan won from Rossevelt Carter, 6. Chico Argaez kayoed Bee Wee Sanchez, 4.

Doug Vaillant stopped Angel Chapman, 2. Jimmy Walter won over Ed Beatty, 6. Chico Rollins defeated Harry Floyd Smith, 6. Pinky Ruiz kayoed Andres Gonzalez, 3

Henry Gutierrez kayoed Gerardo Reyes, 3. Jess Morales whipped Joe Tarin, 6. Joe Padilla defeated Al Moore, 6. Howard Millsap kayoed Al Warren, 2.

Sammy Campbell and Hilton Smith drew, 6. Victor Pepeder repeated previous decision over Charley Douglas, 10. Leroy Jones won over Bob Speight, 6.

Chuck Cooper beat Tommy Marino, 6. South African Champion Johnny van Rensburg decisioned Ron Hinson, 10. Rudi Langer relieved Manfred Neuke of German title, 12.

### FEATHERWEIGHTS

Paul Jorgensen kayoed Kid Aztequita, 10. Flash Elorde kayoed Kekichi Ishaikawa, 6. Raul (Raton) Macias outpointed Kid Irapuato, 10. Ike Chestnut defeated Roberto Garcia, 10.

World Champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey defeated Carmelo Costa, 10 (non-title).

Manolo Garcia went to a draw with Alfredo Bunetta, 10. Gracieux Lamperti whipped Aldo Pravisani, 10.

Harold Gomes defeated Louis Carmona, 10.

Battling Torres defeated Victor Manuel Quijano, 10. Claudio Adame kayoed Cedar Saavedra, 8. Martin Rodriguez stopped Andy Arel, 8.

Santiago Martinez outpointed Orlando Castillo, 10. Alfredo Escobar outscored Billy Peacock, 10.

Larry Bataan defeated Paulito Escarlan, 10. Rodolfo Francis won from Melvin Bourne, 10. Auburn Copeland stopped Bert Singer, 6. Eloy Zarate kayoed Jorge Gomez, 5, Zarate then lost to Lauro Martinez, 10.

Ramon Cervantes and Rudy Coronado ended in a Technical draw, 7. Oscar Reyes decisioned Ernie Masangkay, 10. Tito Marshall won from Jorge Quintero, 10. Gil Flores deefated Jet Bally, 10. Mel Middleton kayoed Clifton Bradley, 3.

Otilio Galvan bested Hector Ramirez, 10. Isami Ikeyama defeated Kiyoaki Nakanishi, 10. Roberto Hernandez defeated Panchito Gonzalez, 10. Manuel Hernandez kayoed Roberto Uriarte, 1, Roberto whipped Kid Terranvoa, 10.

Americo Rivera kayoed Baby Alonzo, 6. Jimmy Connors outpointed Joey Vasquez, 8. Francisco Barraez defeated Hector Esqueda, 10. George Reiter stopped Lem Thomas, 5. Pelon Cervantes upset Noel Humphries, 10. Chamaco Jimenez defeated Frankie Lugo, 10.

Jesus Rodriguez kayoed Jorge Gonzalez, 5. Alex Arenas beat Gildardo Bacho, 10. Wally Livingston shaded Al Tisi, 6.

Sugar Ramos won over Augusto Narballe, 6, and kayoed Jose Blanco, 8. Chano Barrientos kayoed Tacho Martinez, 2, and beat Felipe Sosa, 10. Miguel Orona kayoed Tony Becerra, 1, and beat Carlos Rios, 6. Lucio Gonzalez beat Aztequita Sonorense, 10.

Rocky Moises won from Bill Tinde, 8. Ben Ferrer, 8. Trucutu Velazquez kayoed Coneja Hernandez, 1. Spider Walker kayoed Dick Page 3. Chuy Waldo halted Tony Lopez, 5.

John Patrick Britt won from Jackie Lennon, 6, and kayoed Jesse Pallachio, 1. Dick Divola won from Bob Shaughnessy, 6. Chamaco Rodriguez whipped Beto Viesca, 8. Dave Martinez edged out Ward Yee, 6.

Raul Serrato whipped Willie Lucero, 6. Rodolfo Bratwaite dereated Andres Allen, 6. Ernie Brown kayoed Dick Roma, 1.

Jim Pettaway knocked Davey Kuhn, 1. Arturo Smith bested Felix Gondola, 6. Ciclon Alvarez kayoed Carlos Patino, 6, and Marciano Monagas, 5. Vicente Worrel won over Jose Rivas, 6.

Flash Olano and Rufi Pineda drew, 8. Cisco Kid kayoed Torito Martinez, 6.

### BANTAMWEIGHTS

Horace (Boots) Monroe stopped Roque Fernandez, 2.

Joe Becerra kayoed Jose Luis Mora, 3.

South American Champion Roberto Castro kayoed Marcelo Avila, 9, and outboxed Adolfo Pendas, 10.

Argentina champion Ernesto Miranda kayoed Guido Granizo, 7.

Dwight Hawkins kayoed Baby Brown, 5. Pat Supple decisioned Dai Dower, 10.

Joe Medel kayoed Ross Padilla, 7. Johnny Sarduy defeated Miguel Lazau, 10. Saxton Mabena demolished Paul Moshoeu, 2.

Pimi Barajas kayoed Grillito Aguilar, 7, and Jorge Herrera, 7, but lost to Jose Lopez, 10. Kimpo Amarfio whipped Gianni Zuddas, 8. Hector Hicks easily defeated Claudio Martinez, 10. Ignacio Pina kayoed Huésito Gonzalez, 10. Gonzalez kayoed Joe Arias, 8. Elias Reyes beat Lauro Martinez, 10.

Frankie Campos kayoed Roque Fernandez, 9, and bested Kildo Martinez, 10. Pierre Cossemyns held to draw by Ray Nobile, 10. Mike Rios outscored Tony Maya, 10. Rudy Corona kayoed Alberto Soto, 6.

Cain Rogero twice outpointed Jose Galvan, 10. Jorge Gomez beat Gerardo Isoba, 8, Isoba also lost to Eloy Zarate, 8. Ray Martinez defeated Fidel Banuelos, 10. Sabino Gonzalez kayoed Avelino Felix, 6, and bested Joel Marquez, 10.

Killer Solomon stopped Morton Gayle, 3. Jose Oliva defeated Memo Gonzalez, 10. Roman Rodriguez kayoed Sapito Jimenez, 6, but lost to Luis Hernandez. Chango Ceballos kayoed Juancito Lopez, 7, and Grillito Aguilar, 10. Eddie Luna kayoed Johnny Gonzalez, 6.

Mike Garcia defeated Tony Martinez, 10. Gerardo Cepeda kayoed Abraham Cervantes, 6, and drew with Avelino Felix, 10. Panchito Saldivar beat Chuy Rodriguez, 8, and kayoed Juanito Mendoza, 8. Cubanito Gonzalez defeated Cucaracho Landa, 10, Alvaro Collado, 10, and kayoed Kid Cucaracho, 6.

Negro Alfaro won on a disqualification from Gallito Segundo, 4. Danny Rosales kayoed Tony Ganados, 3, and beat Killer Dominguez, 6. Benny Casing stopped Roberto Esinosa, 3.

Leo Espinosa rewon the Orient Title outpointing Kiyoshi Miura, 12. Juan Cardenas halted Charles Syllas, 8.

### FLYWEIGHTS

European Champion Young Martin stopped Stan Sobolak, 5 (non-title).

Goyo Flores kayoed Ray Ruiz, 2.

Saul Becerril defeated Chatito Ochoa, 10. Zurdo Arce defeated Torito Mota, 10. Rene Libeer outfought Esteban Martin, 10.

Luis Rodriguez kayoed Antonio Rivas, 2. Chalio Hernandez kayoed Alfredo Rivas, 3. Hilario Correa decisioned Carlos Uribe, 6.

Raul Veloz stopped Mario Ibarra, 6. Small Dave drew with Berting Alvarez, 8, and kayoed Lourdinez, Jr., 6. Edmondo Esparza beat Nacho Parades, 6.

Rene Cruz kayoed Ernie Paredes, 3, Ernie whipped Joe Espinosa, 8. Waling Waling Boy defeated Nestor Roy Sison, 8, Sison kayoed Speedy Rodrigo, 8. Baby Ross bested Viva Zapata, 8.

Baby Galuran defeated Baby Demilliones, 10. Golden Boy decisioned Little Dommy, 8.

Naven Kid drew with Gil Gueta, 8. Kid Tacio Jr. kayoed Boy Emil, 5. Danny Mar beat Rex Concepcion, 6.

# THE MAT WORLD

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ium in Galveston last month saw Pepper Gomez snap Wild Red Berry's winning streak by defeating the carrot top from Pittsburg, Kan.

### NEWS IN BRIEF FROM CALIFORNIA —BY *ED BRIGGS*

Promoter Al Dermer is presenting some outstanding cards at the Fresno (Calif.) Memorial Auditorium in central Calif. Dermer, now in his 18th year as a promoter-matchmaker for the Fresno DAV Club, has such headliners as Ronnie (Wonder Boy) Etchison, Buddy (Nature Boy) Rogers, Fritz Von Goering, "Strutter" Gene DuBuque, Pacific Coast Heavy Kinkpin Ramon Torres, Karl Von Schober, Georgie Drake, masked man the Red Hangman, Nickie Beckwinkle, Beg Ben Sharpe, Pete Peterson, Hans Schnable, and Paul DeGalles. Newest arrival is big George (Sume) Kengozan of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Back on the West Coast after a Canadian & Texas swing are Irish Pat Fraley of Los Angeles and his 25 year old son, Freddie. The latter just made his pre debut in 1958 and Toronto sportswriters covering the Toronto bouts were high in praise of the Fraley father-son duo.

## JOSE TORRES

(Continued from page 27)

Chegui—as Jose Luis Torres is affectionately called—is second of seven children, five of them boys. His father, Andres—only 44 years of age—is a caballero of Negro and Indian extraction. His wife, Juanita, 42, is of pure Castilian descent.

During intermittent conversation at the dinner table in the writer's home a number of highly interesting points about Jose came out.

*"Si, I gave to Chegui castigos with strap much times,"* revealed Senor Torres. *"I tell him wear shoes on street. He go barefoot. I lay strap on him. Otherwise he is bueno muchacho —good boy. Except for too much fighting. For that also I give Chegui bastinados with strap. No, not exactly for fighting but because it create for me molestia—trouble. Parents all the time complaining to me that Chegui beating up their muchachos. But in my son's favor is that he not pick on small kids. No, he fights the biggest he could find."*

*"How do you feel about the lickings your father says he gave you?"* I inquired.

Looking up from his heaping plate of rice and beans and fried chicken—Jose's favorite food—the fighter smiled, displaying strong white teeth. *"He is my father, and I love him."* Chegui spoke in soft, almost solemn tones. *"What he did I know was for my own good. My father, he was very strict but always right. He always did what was best for me."*

At 18, after two years in Ponce high school—and leaving his father's employ —Chegui entered the Army. That was: September 1954. He began using boxing gloves about a year later. In the service he took part in 29 boxing contests and after receiving an Army discharge, exactly two years and 3 months later, he engaged in 13 more amateur bouts. *"I lose but one,"* explained Jose. *"This to Hungarian Lazlo Papp, 3-time Olympic champion who scored knockout over Spider Webb in 1952 Olympics. I lose to Papp by one little point, caramba."*

In only two years of amateur boxing Torres acquired eleven titles. In 1955, he took the Caribbean and Antilles. The following year: Maryland State AAU; Second Army; All Army; All Service; Olympic Trials.

He did no fighting during 1957 because of a nose operation. In 1958 Jose won the N. Y. Golden Gloves; Eastern Golden Gloves; National Golden Gloves; N. Y. Metropolitan AAU and National AAU crowns.

*"In the last tournament,"* admits the lad, *"I received the first knockdown in my boxing career—and the only one so far. Guy named Cleo Horton hit my chin and—BOOM!—I hit the canvas. I quickly got up to punch out a victory. It was my last amateur fight. But hardest wallop I receive was tossed by Billy Priest when we boxed in Panama in 1955. The blow sure shook me up."*

The Army boxing team sent him to fight in Panama, California and Australia. He also performed at Fort Buchanan, Fort Dix, Fort Meade and Camp Polk. *"I had grand times there too,"* informs Torres.

Asked how he managed to learn to speak English so rapidly, Jose said:

*"By talking with Cus D'Amato—or listening carefully when he speaks."*

He is trained in Stillmans by Joey Fariello. Jose regards the young man as the best trainer in boxing. *"Fariello uses intelligence and boxing know-how,"* Torres declares. *"Proof is: everything he tells me to do comes out right."*

Latin music is his favorite. Jose has a fine singing voice. He likes to play the drums, dresses well, enjoys travelling, and television and the movies. He doesn't drink liquor, smoke or gamble. He likes tea, milk and fruit juices. He laughs at the slightest provocation, is even-tempered and of a pleasant disposition.

Jose is a bit nervous before a fight. *"But not scared,"* he hastens to add. *"Truth is, I kind of enjoy the danger and excitement of fighting."*

His mother strongly objected to his becoming a boxer. *"She is still nervous when I fight,"* informs Jose. *"But my father, he was neutral about it. He said to me: 'Hijo, you have your own life to live, your own profession to choose. Make it your business to live right and do your work well.' That is excellent advice and always I will try to follow it. My father, he thinks I will become champion—and I share his opinion."*

Torres, who is almost six feet tall, is anxious to finish high school. He prefers intelligence in women rather than charm and beauty. *"But I am fortunate to have all three of the assets in the girl I am to marry early this year,"* points out Chegui with a grin. *"Her name is Ramonita Ortiz. We have been going together four years—since she was eighteen. Ramonita is the sister of my brother's wife. She does not like me to fight but will have to get used to it—and maybe even like it."*

*"Please be sure,"* requested Jose, *"to mention in your story that in Puerto Rico, late in 1954, the fine instruction I got from Morgan Olivo helped me become a boxer. And that a year later, at Camp Meade, Md., Pasquale Nappi did much to improve my boxing style with careful teaching."*

At the present time Jose Luis Torres lives in a room in Brooklyn; but he's searching for a small inexpensive apartment for himself and Ramonita—when she becomes his bride.

## THIS COMEBACK BUSINESS

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he was, but age caught up with Leonard, just as it did with Pep.

Tony Canzoneri, another great lightweight champion, tried again, long after the years had caught up with him. He was fated to be knocked out in three rounds by Al (Bummy) Davis.

### ROSS KNEW ENOUGH TO CALL IT QUITS

Only recently Ross returned to action, but as a manager, not a fighter. Barney knew he had had it when he took a terrific beating and lost the world welterweight championship to Henry Armstrong. He never fought again, and ambitious youngster and second-rater alike were denied the chance of humiliating this once great champion.

Armstrong fought on six years after losing the last of his three titles, packing up only after losing to one Chester Slider at Oakland, Calif.

Some, such as James J. Braddock, didn't want to quit a loser. After he had been knocked out by Joe Louis, Jersey Jim fought just once as an ex-heavyweight champion. He finished by defeating Tommy Farr, the Welshman, who was better than his record shows. Farr lost five straight in America, starting by going the distance with Louis.

Louis could have profited by Braddock's example. He retired as heavyweight champion to join the newly created IBC. Joe's problem was financial. He owed, and still owes Uncle Sam back taxes. The bill is now in the millions, but Louis hoped to get even fighting Ezzard Charles.

In attempting to regain the title he had relinquished, Louis stumbled through 15 rounds with Charles, and even in defeat didn't know enough to quit. He stayed around, an ex-champion, to be knocked out by Rocky Marciano in his undefeated drive to the throne.

### CHARLES JUST REFUSES TO STOP HIS CAREER

Among the ex-champions now struggling is Charles, who is making a second or third comeback. After failing three times to regain the title he lost to Jersey Joe Walcott, Ez stayed around to be knocked out by Johnny Holman and Young Jack Johnson. They should have convinced him. But he kept on fighting and losing.

The National Boxing Association, at its recent convention, took steps to short-circuit the latest Charles comeback, and for his own good.

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## UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
### By Tom Ephrem

**TONY CANCELA, FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER, TRAINER,** manager and at present the fight promoter in Tampa, keeps the greatest of all sports active in his home town with club fights specializing. Reports say Tony should do well with his type shows and the response is pleasing.

▶ Claude Williams forged ahead in the sixth round after five close cantoes with substitute Leo Bailey, of Detroit, and rammed home body wallops to gain a technical knockout in the seventh of their headliner at Tampa. Williams, 158½ compared to 160½ for the loser, was to have met Ray Blades, but the sub-boxer didn't disappoint.

Tino Fuerte, another Tampan, chalked up a TKO in the sixth of the topsemi-final. His victim was Billy Hall, 142, of Miami. Fuerte tipped 144 and again a referee showed capability in his role. This time is was Joey Raymond. Frank Chacon and Joe Moran, 136 and 137½, in that order, put on a pleasing four but Chacon, of Tampa, stretched ahead to take the prelim from his Miami foe. Another four ended even-stephen and Kid Boots, 140, of Tampa, and Dan Torriani, 137¾, of Miami were the combatants. Buddy Cooper, 142, Tampa, bested Tony Marino, 140, Miami, in the second semi of six rounds.

▶ Four punches and the main event was all over. Sonny Liston did the pitching and Frankie Daniels, the catching. The time was 2:22 of the first round. The place, Miami Beach. A couple of lefts, followed by ditto number of rights and 1,814 fans, paying $3,042.25 bid an early-bye-bye. Liston scaled 212. His foe, 191. Dave Rent, English protege of Al Weill, won an eight round semi-final from Gorilla Gould, of somewhere "Deep in the Everglades". Joe LaGuarrata won a four from Gene Mann. Hector Rodriguez won over Brutus Gilbert and Gene Lewis and Fred Blades traveled to a draw (fours).

▶ Gomeo Brennan (misspelled in Tampa as Gomero) won a ten round main event from Ray Sheppard in a Tony Cancela presentation on October 27 in the Cigar City before a gathering of 792 fans. Brennan, of Bimini, tipped 147, and Sheppard, of Miami, 150. Brennan had too much class for the game Sheppard.

Al Farese surprised Tino Fuerte with a knockdown in the second round but Tino came back to score unanimously in the six round main-semi. The winner, of Tampa, tipped 147 and made it his 17th victory in 19 bouts. The loser, 150, hails from Miami.

Buddy Cooper, 145½, of Tampa, won a four from Sammy Lavera, 144, of Brooklyn. In a second semi-final, Sammy Campbell, 134, of Tampa, and Hilton Smith, same weight, same city, went to a draw. Dan Torriani, 142, Miami, kayoed Joe Moran, 140, Miami, in two heats. They're stable-mates, the clipping reports. In a four, Tucker Smith, 180, Tampa, beat Macon Jackson, 190, Tampa.

## SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
### By Les Huffman

**Toledo**—Promotor Al St John and his matchmaker Jim Riley of Toledo, O., had a good card, but the fans again stayed away. Leroy Jeffery, a good looking lightweight from Detroit, knocked out Jesse Rodrigues of Youngstown, Ohio. This one ended quickly, Leroy hit Jesse and it was all over in the first heat in 2:50. The six round semi-final between middleweights Jimmy Remson of Toledo, and Homer Harvey, of Buffalo, also ended in the first round in favor of Remson, in 1:15. Jim Pettaway, local lightweight, scored his third straight K.O. in his three pro starts when he put the skids under Davey Kuhn of Youngstown, Ohio, in the first round, 2:25.

Tommy Paynes, 160, Detroit, Michigan stopped Walter Abbott of Detroit, Michigan, in 1:20 of the second round bout that was scheduled for four heats. Sonny Hill, 150, of Toledo, Ohio, copped the nod over Virgil Williams, 150, in four heat. Earl Brabb, 134, won over Vinnie O'Shea of Detroit in 4 rounds.

▶ Toledo—Johnny Palmer, Columbus Lightweight and Tiger Charlie Smith of Detroit, Michigan, met on the ten round top fight, and Palmer won by a T.K.O. in four. The referee stopped the bout due to a cut. The promoter, due to heavy losses, decided to toss in the sponge.

Sonny Hill, Toledo, stopped Henry Ellis, Chicago, in the third. Jim Pettaway, 129, won over Ace Hendricks, 130, Chicago. Frank Wooten, 140, Toledo, stopped Earl Brabb, 135, Toledo in the first heat.

Art Turner, 151, Detroit won via the T.K.O. route over Bill Arnold in the sixth. Arnold, 154, is from Pittsburg.

Cecil Short, 148, Cleveland, knocked out Willie Russel, of Toledo, in 1:58 of the fifth heat.

## LOUISVILLE BOXING NEWS
### By Joe Martin

**AT THE STATE FAIR GROUNDS, SONNY RAY, 171,** Chicago, won a close 10-rounder over Eddie Cotton, 167, Seattle before estimated 1,500 fans. The jabbing Cotton came close, but not close enough, against a stronger Ray. Both hard-laboring fighters opened up in the 10th round for a fast finish nationally televised but blacked out in the Louisville area.

Danny Jones, 143, Louisville, decisioned Ross Calvin, 140, Nashville in four. Willie Moran, 146, Louisville, unanimously decisioned Eddie Allen, 153, of Chicago in four, and Henry White, 152, Cincinnati, decisioned Dolphus Brown, 157, Louisville, in six.

▶ At the State Fair Grounds two weeks later, Billy Tuck, 157, Louisville, was a third round knockout victim of Canadian Wilf Greaves, 160, before a crowd of 2,000.

Stealing the spotlight were two action-packed six-rounders, in which Johnny Powell of Detroit, 147, inflicted the first loss on Louisvillian Willie Moran, 147, in four pro-starts and Louisvillian Danny Jones, 147, beat Detroit's Fred McGray, 150, both were by decision. In another six Jesse Fagin, 159, of Detroit, scored a split decision over Louisvillian Dolphus Brown, 157, and Fletcher Lee of Louisville, 158, a hard-puncher, scored a T.K.O. over Frankie Betts, 154, Cincinnati in 1:53 of the fourth round.

## INDIANA RING ITEMS
### By Joe French

**BOXING ACTIVITY WAS SLOW AROUND THE STATE** during the past several weeks with the exception of a card staged at East Chicago, Indiana, which was topped by a heavyweight headliner. In the feature, Ernest Terrell of Chicago, 191, stopped Johnny Hobart, 195, Youngstown, in the opening round.

▶ While pro boxing action is not too frequent, the amateurs keep busy. The Indianapolis amateur boxing team scored a 2-1 win at Louisville, Ky., during the past month. Winners for the Hoosier group were Elmo Flynn, 118 lbs., and Vincent Johnson, 126 lbs. The show was seen on television in Louisville under the direction of Joe Martin.

## PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
### By Mickey Davies and Lou Caponi

**Cowboy Ernie Smith, string-bean Rochester** (Pa.) middleweight, returned to Beaver County after an absence of several months to rack up an eight round victory over Rankin's Curtis Coles.

Alex Ford, Youngstown, stopped Freddie Wallace, Aliquippa, (4). They are light heavyweights.

Gene Tippett, McKeesport, 147, decisioned Marion Whitehead, 146, Clariton (6).

Carmie Price, last year's National Golden Glove lightweight, won a good decision over Richie De Sabatino, Sharpsburg (4).

Pablo Caripides, 126, Steubenville, won a split duke over Basil Blackson, Aliquippa, in the four frame opener.

▶ QUICKIES Lou Caponi the co-skipper of this column has returned from a long visit to Los Angeles . . . Lou will ship his good looking lightweight Tommy O'Connors to the Coast for work . . . The only active gym in the Steel City these days is the Patsy Brannigan A.C. on the North Side . . . The St. Johns Lyceum on Washington Place in the Hill district for many years the top training site in Pittsburgh has been razed.

▶ McKeesport—In a show promoted by Mike Yennerell, the following are the results: Tommy (Dynamite) Williams, 151, Washington, D. C., knocked out Jimmy Chavis, 146, McKeesport 6.

Johnny Morris, 163, Pittsburgh, knocked out Bobby Jackson, 161, Cleveland, 45.

Irish Tommy O'Connor, 138, Pittsburgh, decisioned Hurricane Jackson, 138, Washington, Pa. 4. O'Connor is Lou Caponi's good looking lightweight.

Jackie Matescic, 136, Pittsburgh, knocked out Freddie Stover, 129, Pittsburgh, 1.

Willie Gray, 147, Washington, stopped Joe Johnson, 151, Clairton, 3.

## TEXAS BOXING NEWS
### *By Harlan Haas*

**LOOK FOR THE HUSTLING BUSTLING OIL CITY OF ODESSA TO COME** along fast as one of the outstanding fight centers of the South under the direction of live-wire Bob Callahan.

To make any fight town go you must first have the hometown talent to work with, and you must have a man in the driver's seat who knows the game. Odessa is blessed with having both.

Odessa has the brilliant young welterweight Manuel Gonzales who is fresh from big victories over well known scrappers Gilberto Holguin and Davey Dupas. Then they have Ruben Munoz, the tigerish featherweight who recently lost a split 10 round duke to world's second ranking 126 pounder, Paul Jorgensen. Also Rip White, a savage punching middleweight who is a former State TAAF champion. So, keep your eyes on Odessa.

▶San Antonio, Texas, Tony Padilla, Promoter—It was a bad night for Yama Bahama, 153, and even though he dropped Mexico's Jesse Bogart, 156, for the full count in the tenth and final round, he came out the worse for wear. With a cut over the eye. For six rounds it was an interesting struggle, but the South of the Border scrapper began to tire in the seventh. Bogart was decked twice in the ninth, and stowed away for keeps by a smashing left hook to the whiskers in the tenth.

Merardo "Joaquin" Flores, 148, El Paso, iced Joe Louis Hargrove, 144, Austin, in the fourth round. Hargrove hammered Flores at will in the first two frames but was dropped in the third, and taken out of the picture in the next round. Jesse Leija, 120, San Antonio, scored his third consecutive kayo in as many starts by stretching out Rolando Douglas, 129, Austin, in the first round. Abelardo Varela, 136½, San Antonio, knocked out Leroy "Buddy" Anderson, 138, in the opening session.

▶Corpus Christi, Texas, Bill Davee, Promoter—One of the State's smartest boxing men, Bill Davee, has taken over in Corpus Christi. Bill hopes to build the South Texas city back to the prominence it once knew as a boxing center. He staged a double 10 round main event for his first show and both bouts were thrillers.

Joe Felan, 147½, San Antonio, gave the game Al "Sweet Potato" Bouldin, 143, Houston, a boxing lesson then exploded a tremendous right hand shot off his jaw to end it all in the fourth round. The other half of the top billing was a lightheavy meeting between the veteran former Texas middleweight king, Tommy Ramirez, 163½, Corpus Christi, and Tommy "Hurricane" Sims, 166, Los Angeles. Sims was a bit too much for the game and trying veteran Ramirez.

The prelim card was action-packed. Matt Plachy, 177½, Budapest, Hungary, literally fought his way into the hearts of the valley fans by blasting Ennis Cheatham, 170, Dallas, to sleep in the fourth round. Plachy, remains undefeated in the pro ranks, and this fighting refugee is as colorful as they come. Watch this former 1952 Hungary Olympic representative.

▶Brownsville, Texas, Nolan B. Aycock, Promoter—Elias Reyes, 122, hammered out a 10 round victory over Lauro Martinez, 125, in the feature attraction at Brownsville. Eloy Zarate, 126, stopped Jorge Gomez, 122, in the fifth. Alfredo Gomez, 124, stopped Nick Reyes, 124, in the first. Pedro Aceredo, 124, tkayoed Jose Gonzalez, 120, in the second.

Austin, Texas, Pat O'Grady, Promoter—Mel Barker, Texas welterweight champ weighing 151, earned a unanimous but very close 10 round decision over tough and cute Clifton Lester, 155, of Los Angeles. There were no knockdowns.

Byron Steele, 153, San Antonio, flattened Joe Golden, 158, San Antonio, in the fourth round. Though these boys were both from the Alamo City, they must come from a different section of town as Golden was out for a spell before his handlers could get him upright. Steele bombs pretty good.

▶Brownsville, Texas, Nolan B. Aycock, Promoter— Joe Cancio, 154, decisioned Ernest Davis, 156, in the 10 round stellar attraction for Promoter Nolan Aycock at Brownsville, and continues to be one of the top boys in the Border City. Aurelio Reyna, 124, stopped Gustavo Carrera, 124, in the fifth, and Francisco Ortiz, 120, won a six round duke from Julio Cenisero, 120.

▶Brownsville, Texas, Nolan B. Aycock, Promoter—Lauro Martinez, 123, decisioned Eloy Zarate, 125, in 10 fast rounds of fighting. Jorge Gomez, 120, won over Gerardo Isoba, 116, in eight rounds. Pedro Aceredo, 128, stopped Guadaloupe Reyes, 122, in the first, and Jose Gonzalez, 126, was the winner over David Mendez, 128, in four rounds.

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▶Dallas, Texas, Ralph Smith, Promoter—Donnie Fleeman, 182, the lanky Midlothian mauler came through with the biggest win of his career when he kayoed former heavyweight champ of the world, Ezzard Charles, 202, in the sixth round, before 3,500, who paid $8,000. Ezz didn't have it from the start and should retire before it is too late.

Tommy "Hurricane" Sims, 171, Los Angeles, edged Sonny Moore, 180, Dallas, in a whale of a scrap that was a crowd pleaser. They went at it hammer and tong for six heats. Curtis Cokes, 145, Dallas, still undefeated, beat Elmo Henderson, 151, in a six. Rip Randall, 140, decisioned Robert Chauvin, 138, in four rounds. Billy Watson, 209, won over Jack Freeman, 182, in four, and Leroy Simon, 150, kayoed Charlie Robinson, 155, in the second.

▶Odessa, Texas, Bobby Callahan, Promoter—The oil town of Odessa may well turn into another Texas boxing center before Promoter Callahan is through. Though the weather was terrible, the gate was still a $2,000. The complete show was an eye opener. Hometown boy Manuel Gonzales, 142, punched his way to a bruising 10 round win over the highly regarded Davey Dupas (W), 144, of New Orleans, a fellow who had beaten Gale Kerwin and Art Persley earlier in the year. The action was so furious that Referee Henry Ezor could not hear the bell ending the eighth, ninth, and tenth rounds due to the tremendous roar of the crowd. No round was won by a decisive margin.

Al Antoine, 180, Houston, kayoed Jack Ramsey, 178, Odessa, in 2:20 of round one with a left-right-left combination. Antoine made an auspicious pro debut. George Price, 168, Houston, won by a technical knockout over Fred "Tiger" Lewis, Phoenix, Arizona lightheavy, now stationed at Biggs AFB in El Paso, in the fifth round.

## SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
### *By J. Jimmie Amann*

**THE DEMANDED SUSPENSION OF FORMER** heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles by the Texas Boxing Commission was the only big news of importance around these parts the past 30 days.

Charles' knockout loss to Donnie Fleeman at Dallas late in October, together with the poor showing made by Charles expedited the demand of the commissioners.


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# •EUROPEAN GOSSIP•

## BY CHARLIE PARISH

THE middleweights, Europe's star division, were most active during the past month with Scholz finally bringing the European title back to the Fatherland for the first time since 1942. The defeated Humez was considering retirement but has now announced that he will continue boxing. A third meeting would be a promotor's dream.

Peter Muller blasted his way towards the top by shattering the comeback of Max Resch and Laszlo Papp stepped into the limelight with a masterly kayo of Hugo Kohler.

The stock of Ted Wright fell a few percent following his narrow win over Christensen and his defeat by Garbelli while Francois Anewy climbed back into the top ten by trouncing Diouf for the vacant French title.

Galiana and Garcia, those two Spaniards in exile, continued to chalk up wins in Argentina but Karlheinz Guder came unstuck in his latest California start, as did another Teuton, Franz Szuzina. None of the fighters rated below Szuzina would fare better against the kind of opposition he is called on to face.

Bobby Ros moved up a few slots by virtue of his win over Felix Chiocca and Bobby's erstwhile conqueror, Guy Gracia, moves up with him. Ros may soon tackle Loi.

▶**Berlin,** Germany.—Fight of the month was undoubtedly that between Gus Scholz and Charles Humez for the latter's European middles title. The Olympic Stadium was jammed with 35,000 anxious fans who came hoping to see Scholz reverse that Paris defeat of last spring. For Scholz it meant more than that. A defeat by Humez would have switched the Teuton off the main-line while Humez himself might have gained a shot at the World Title. For those who had already begun to count Scholz as a light-heavy and were already forecasting his chances against Hoepner or Archie Moore, Gus had another shock ready. He made the limit without undue difficulty and came in at 159, against the 158½ of the champion.

Scholz's straight rights did terrible damage and by the fifth round he had the champ bleeding from nose and mouth. The gallant visitor suffered pain and hindrance from a tooth smashed throught the mouthpiece into his lip. He finally spat out the offending ivory in the eighth and fought an even-stephen with the cool German, despite the gore drooling from his chin.

In the tenth round, Scholz was penned in a corner and began to clinch for the first time. Nevertheless, he gained the round and also the next. By the twelfth, Scholz was obviously weary of the champion's relentless pace but his punches were still more effective than those of the battered Lion of Flanders. One of his ripping lefts tore open Humez's eyebrow and another brought a fountain of blood from somewhere in that gory mask which hid the French-man's face. Suddenly, Humez could go no further. Suffocated by the blood in his throat, he staggered to his corner and flung up his arms in surrender. Scholz had won the day and the fans went frantic.

Also on the bill was another middle of note, Hans-Werner Wohlers, the baby-faced blond from Hamburg who has recently flashed into the top brackets. He was unable to outshine Scholz on this occasion and had to be satisfied with a points win over Manuel Correa in eight rounds.

Ulli Nitzschke, former East German amateur ace, made his pro debut a success in the decadent and imperialist ring of West Berlin, forcing big Robert Warmbrunn to retire at the end of the third round of a heavyweight slam.

Also in form was Harry Mistol, 150, who iced Henri Scheppler of France in two while Dieter Wemhoner, 171, dropped Erwin Hack three times to win hands down over eight rounds. Horst Borzoskowski, 158, stopped Max Heinze in the fifth of a rugged dispute.

▶**Amsterdam,** Holland.—Visiting Germans had a warm welcome from their Dutch hosts here. Harko Kokmeyer upset the record of Herbert Schilling by chilling the former amateur star in the second round of their welter debate and newcomer Nelis Oostrum stopped Herbert Soodmann in the third round of a middles maul. In two light-weight scuffles, Jan Nyenkamp licked Albert Muller over eight and Jan De Vos stopped Klaus Miska in six. The tables were reversed.

▶**Rotterdam.**—However, where blond Hans Ducree stepped in as substitute against k.o. specialist Jo Lamers and the German threw a right hook which caught the Hollander cold in round three to end the bout.

▶ **Lugo di Romagna,** Italy.—No doubt Mario Vecchiatto still had that Loi fight in his bones but the fact remains that he was given a very good scrap here by local prospect Bruno Ravaglia. After a close affair, with Mario's national title at stake, the verdict was given as drawn, which maybe favored the local.

▶**Oviedo,** Spain.—This city in the Asturias opened up as fight center with a first-rate program. Starring was tough Bobby Ros, lightie champ, who won over the Moroccan, Angeri ben Moktar but promising Diego Infantes copped the limelight with a quick win over rugged Ruiz Amatria, who was stopped in the third round of this welter dispute. Perez Artero iced Magdalena in the third of a feathers affair and Rafael Gayo nodded Mustafa in a feathers six.

▶ At **Las Palmas,** Jose Ungidos, welter comer, laced Eugenio Cifuentes in eight.

▶ **Trondheim,** Norway.—The Proklub's venture into the ancient capital of Norway was not too successful, despite the presence of a tough Finnish team. In the main shot, Leif Hansen stopped Erkki Piispa in the opening heat of a welter clash but Finns took the rest of the bouts. Risto Luukkonen was too good for Anders Haga and stopped him in the fifth of a bantam embroglio while Pentti Rautiainen laced Willy Olsen in a welter six.

▶ **Alghero,** Italy.—In this small Sardinian town was crowned a new national champion—Salvatore Burruni—who was awarded the decision after a good twelve-rounder with Giacomo Spano for the vacant title.

▶ **Oviedo,** Spain.—Once again "el boxeo" at the Bullring got out a good crowd in attendance. Young Martin, European fly-weight champ, topped the bill but his foe, Stan Sobolak of Paris, proved absolutely no test for the Spaniard and was taken out of action during the fifth round for manifest inferiority. No wonder, this was the fourth time Martin had whipped the Frenchman.

Garcia Hidalgo fought a draw with Fernando Perez Ros in a cruiser eight and Juan Cardenas won easily from Juanito Segura, who was also taken out for inferiority during the fourth heat of a bantam affair. Jose Caldueno bested the Portuguese light-weight champion, Vita, over six rounds.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain.—Those who thought that Frank Garcia had a chance to dislodge Bobby Ros from the national lightweight throne were speedily disillusioned. Ros hit his man at will and the fight was stopped in the fifth. It then transpired that Garcia had suffered a damaged optical nerve.

The only other pro bout featured Rafael Merayo and Lopez Durban, who boxed a feathers eight won by the former.

▶ In **Madrid,** Diego Infantes was again in action, lacing tough Carmelo Beraza in a welter eight, while Tony Gutierrez drew with Kid Marco in a good lightie eight. Kid Daniel beat Manuel Basora in a welter slam and Jose Cadalso trounced Ricardo Navarro in a feathers eight.

▶ **Bordeaux,** France.—Victor Pepeder fought very well here to repeat a provious victory over the American lightie, Charley Douglas, over ten rounds.

▶ At **Blois,** Gilbert Chapron started the painful climb back after his crushing kayo defeat of last season by Kouame. Chapron's first victim was Nic Beaugrand, who was belted out well inside the opening round.

▶ At **Coutances,** two substitutes were brought in, Jean Ruellet and Laroussi, who fought to a draw in a monotonous middles ten. Jean Guerrard tasted the sweetness of revenge at **Tours,** where he handed a sound whipping to Jose Ogazon of Spain before 2100 spectators. A year ago to the very day, Ogazon had popped out of the blue to larrup the local star. Jean Guericher, bantam comer, whipped Chretien over eight.

▶ **Paris.**—At the Lanery Stadium, new fistic venue for Parisians, Epiphane Akono emerged from his Swiss exile to display his wares against Edouard Ptak in a lightweight ten. Akono won by a narrow margin.

Jean Pommier whipped Gilbert Souday in a welter eight.

At the Central, Charles Luce upset the applecart by halting Rene Nanquette in the opening round of their middles affair. Roger Atlan stopped Zitoun in a further middles slam, also in round one, while Deledique drew with Leroy in a welter six.

▶ **Lyons, France.**—Andre Vairolatto had his last bout as a feather (he says) when he put the skids under Eddie Roelandts of Belgium in round three.

▶ **Calais,** the very ancient Ali Amrane, who has never been knocked out, drew with Rene Sauvage in a cruiser eight.

▶ **Rome,** Italy.—It may be some time since word was heard of Chris Christensen but the Fighting Dane certainly made his presence felt here when he did battle with

### CONTINENTAL RATINGS

**(MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 1958)**

| HEAVIES | CRUISERS | MIDDLES | WELTERS |
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| 1. Ingo Johansson (SW) | Erich Schoppner (G) | Gustav Scholz (G) | Bruno Visintin (I) |
| 2. Willi Besmanoff (G) | Willi Hoepner (G) | Charles Humez (F) | Emilio Marconi (I) |
| 3. Mino Bozzano (I) | Germinal Ballarin (F) | Hans Wohlers (G) | Jacq. Herbillon (F) |
| 4. Franco Cavicchi (I) | Sante Amonti (I) | Italo Scortichini (I) | Stefan Redl (G) |
| 5. Albert Westphal (G) | Dieter Wemhoner (G) | Peter Muller (G) | Fortunato Manca (I) |
| 6. Heinz Neuhaus (G) | Charles Colin (F) | Franz Szuzina (G) | Ben Buker II (S) |
| 7. Bruno Scarabellin (I) | Yao Kouame (F) | Andre Drille (F) | Chr. Christensen (D) |
| 8. Massimo Zanaboni (I) | Dom Baccheschi (I) | Giancarlo Garbelli (I) | Seraphin Ferrer (F) |
| 9. Uli Ritter (G) | Rocco Mazzola (I) | Laszlo Papp (HY) | Piet van Klaveren (H) |
| 10. Mario De Persio (I) | Leen Jansen (H) | Francois Anewy (F) | Chico Santos (P) |

| LIGHTWEIGHTS | FEATHERS | BANTAMS | FLYWEIGHTS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Duilio Loi (I) | Sergio Caprari (I) | Alphonse Halimi (F) | Young Martin (S) |
| 2. Lahouri Godih (F) | Gracieux Lamperti (F) | Piero Rollo (I) | Francisco Carreno (S) |
| 3. Mario Vecchiatto (I) | Cherif Hamia (F) | Mario D'Agata (I) | Mimun Ben Ali (S) |
| 4. Fred Galiana (S) | Manolo Garcia (S) | Juan Cardenas (S) | Risto Luukkonen (FN) |
| 5. Epiphane Akono (F) | Giordano Campari (I) | Pentti Hamalainen (FN) | Jean Guerrard (F) |
| 6. Guy Gracia (F) | Aldo Pravisani (I) | Eugene Le Cozannet (F) | Jose Ogazon (S) |
| 7. Bobby Ros (S) | Andre Valignat (F) | Pierre Cossemyns (B) | Edgar Basel (G) |
| 8. Felix Chiocca (F) | Letterio Petilli (I) | Dante Bini (F) | Rene Libeer (F) |
| 9. Fernand Nollet (F) | Jose Martinez (S) | Federico Scarponi (I) | Juanito Segura (S) |
| 10. Bruno Ravaglia (I) | Ray Nobile (I) | Kader Azzouz (F) | Pierre Rossi (F) |

**LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; P Portugal; S Spain; SW Sweden.**

highly-touted Ted "Farmer" Wright. The ruses and experience plus the nerve of Christensen carried him through with flying colors against the dreaded negro hitter. Some figured that the Dane had done enough to share the verdict, others that Wright had "carried" his man. Wright got the decision.

Giulio Rinaldi was stopped in full career by Ahmed Boulgroune, though only by disqualification in the fourth round of their cruiser clash for butting. Little Joe King halted Gavino Furesi in the third round of a feathers fray and Franco Pinto won over Pasquale Di Martino, ruled out in the sixth of a walter bout.

▶ **Bologna, Italy.**—Ray Nobile, still on the way up, topped the bill against the excellent Belgian bantam, Pierre Cossemyns. After an interesting bout over ten rounds, a drawn verdict was given.

Umberto Vernaglione had an easier time with another Fleming, modest Eddie Kindermans, who was halted in the fifth of a welter slam while Sante Amonti had no bother in stopping Luciano Finiletti in the third heat of a cruiser clash.

Remo Carati looked good in halting middles veteran Dante Madella during the fourth round.

▶ **Paris.**—In further rounds of the national lightweight competition, held at the Salle Wagram, Manuel Sosa halted Andre Gardeux in four and Mohamed Abed iced Marcel Delmar in one. In a welter clash, Edouard Lewko stopped Jean Baldacchino in two. A further heat took place a week later at the same venue, when Sauveur Benamou outscored Jerome Licatesi over eight rounds. Main spot, however, was the torrid feathers slam between Antoine Martin, rising star, and dour Robert Tartari. The latter was the underdog but surprised the Martinique battler with a sudden flurry of blows which had him groggy for a moment. Martin came back strongly to stop Tartari in the sixth. Fernand Morin stopped Andre Henryet in the second session of a lightweight bout.

▶ **Madrid,** Spain.—In the best bout of the evening, Manuel Alvarez threw a spanner in the works by trouncing Santos Seoane in a good bantam ten. Luis Folledo drew with Kid Marcos in a lightie eight and Garcia Midalgo again met up with Fernando Perez Ros in a middles eight won by the first-named. Pedro Acebo whipped Francisco Hervas in a lightie eight. At **Las Palmas,** an interesting Italo-Spanish program was staged in which the Dons took full honors. Raton Osuna easily trimmed Paskuale Barletta in a flyweight eight, Jose Ungidos halted Mario Jacomini in the third heat of a welter slam and Lelo Suarez clearly outpointed Giorgio Bollato. Luis Magro drew with Eugenio Cifuentes in the main attraction, a welter ten.

▶ **Hirson,** France.—A mild sensation occurred here when Marius Dori, a solid middleweight too seldom employed in French rings, was given the verdict over Gilbert Lavoine, a leading contender for the national title. Dori gave the veteran southpaw no chance to use that destructive left and gashed open Lavoine's eyebrow with an involuntary butt.

▶ **St. Brieuc,** Gaston Mathieu won over modest Brahim Kettani in a welter ten and at **Pau,** Jacques Nervi stopped Khaled El Djouer in the sixth of a welter scrap. At **Soissons;** heavyweight Francois Kania chilled Dante Lepercq in the eighth.

▶ **Paris.**—Rene Libeer edged another step up the flyweight ladder by outboxing Esteban Martin in a good ten rounder at the Lancry Stadium. Vetroff, the Marseilles bantam comer, outpunched Jacques Delplace in eight.

▶ At the Central, the Paris lightheavy, Bernard Quellier, continued unbeaten by stopping Rene Sauvage in the sixth round after nearly kayoing him in the third.

▶ **Kiel,** Germany.—Over 5000 fans attended the Baltic Hall here to watch two of Germany's best middles in action. Hans-Werner Wohlers did not have things all his own way against Michel Masson of France but won a clear points victory over ten rounds after getting his man in trouble on several occasions. Peter Muller was his old dynamic self. He came in at 155 against the 148 of the Dutch welter champ, Tommy Baars of Surinam. Baars was no match for the swarthy Teuton in experience but he proved a difficult foe to pin down and gave Muller some uncomfortable moments with his left hook before a split eye obliged the ref to halt the fight in the seventh round, in Muller's favor.

Uli Ritter, 205, had all the advantages over Karl Machain, 181, but was unable to achieve more than a clear points win in

**Gustav Scholz of Germany won the European middleweight title when he stopped Charles Humez of France in the twelfth round of bloody battle at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, Germany before a crowd of 35,000.**

eight rounds over the Austrian. Harry Kurschat had another pushover win, flattening Nazareth Kounahalian of Lebanon in the second heat of a lightie scrap and tough Walter Staar did well to split the verdict with Klaus Langhammer in a cruiser four.

▶ **Cagliari,** Italy.—For the first time in history, a European boxing title came to the Isle of Sardinia when Piero Rollo, underdog in the betting, came through with a close but deserved win over the holder, Mario D'Agata, after fifteen rounds. It was a rugged affair, with Rollo surprisingly providing the aggression and incidentally the better style. Rollo took the initiative and held it for most of the fight.

A new face in Europe was that of Horacio Accavallo, Argentina flyweight now guesting in Italy, who was a trifle lucky to get the nod over Salvatore Burruni in eight rounds.

Fortunato Manca whipped Al Brown of British Guiana in a welter ten and Salvatore Boi iced Ferrazzi in the second frame of a middles slam. The attendance almost reached the 30,000 mark.

▶ **Paris.**—Soon to follow the fate of London's Harringay Arena, the Palais des Sports opened its doors for its last season, with World Champion Alphonse Halimi topping the bill. Due to his long absence from the ring, Halimi's name lacks crowd appeal in France and the Palais was not crammed. His foe was Dante Bini, who also lacks color despite an excellent career in the squared circle. Bini was not able to provide much resistance to the champion, sparring round him for the first three sessions, intent on lasting as long as possible. Halimi cut loose in the fourth and dropped his man, but the gong saved Bini.

Savage hooking to the head brought Bini down for "9" in the fifth and a renewed attack from Halimi made the ref lead the battered Bini back to his corner.

Gracieux Lamperti was in great form against the Bad News from Trieste, Aldo Pravisani, in a torrid feathers ten fought at great speed. The Italian has a reputation of being something of an upset-specialist but Lamperti knew all the answers and repeated a previous victory by trouncing the visitor well and truly.

Aissa Hashas, latest recruits to the Filippi stable, debuted with a quick win over Corrade, who was stopped in the second round of their lightweight debate while Mohamed Ould easily whipped Jacques Ilari in a feathers eight Seraphin Ferrer returned to action in a "do-or-die" effort, defeating Marcel Dupre in a close welter ten.

▶ **Paris.**—A cracking bantam duel was presented at the Lancry Arena when Abdel Azzouz fought it out with gallant Roger Cappato in an official semi-final for a shot at the French title. Both men threw every ounce of energy into the scrap and in the final rounds were too exhausted to land accurate punches. The drawn verdict was well received.

Robert Martinez whipped Denis Flores in a middles four and Jean Ullmann beat Robert Jaccaud, ruled out in the fourth of a welter class.

▶ At the Central, Pierre Renoult gained another good win by bouncing out Jean Boulas in the fifth round of a lightweight slam.

▶ **Jemappes,** Belgium.—First show of the season to be held in this mining town was a championship affair between Richard Bouchez, middles king, and Bob Stevens, durable hitter from Ghent. Stevens, a reliable craftsman, punched out a good win in twelve rounds over his more stylish but less determined opponent. Juan Alvarez was held to a draw by Jean Renard in a feathers ten.

▶ **Vienna,** Austria.—Bad matchmaking, ever the curse of Austrian boxing, was the undoing of powerful Hugo Kohler, who has been pushed ahead much too fast. Admittedly, Laszlo Papp of Hungary did not over-impress in his three 1957 outings but these were against men intent on lasting the distance.

Kohler knows no such inhibitions and soaked up some punishment in the first two rounds. He kept the Hungarian at level pegging in the next two but in the fifth, Papp floored his opponent twice. Saved by the gong, Kohler had no defense against Papp's furious onslaught in the sixth and was counted out from a terrific left hook to the head.

Ulli Ritter, German heavy, won a meaningless victory over a Belgian middle, Adrien Verbrugh, who retired in the third and Albert Muller, German lightie, lost out to Ziyaris Taki of Turkey.

Gunter Huber trimmed Poldi Bauer in a cruiser six and Josef Fischer iced Rambit Serpenlou of Persia in the second heat of a middles slam. Over 7,000 fans attended the City Hall.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain.—Undefeated now in eleven starts, Tony Gutierrez easily whipped Tony Lopez in a lightweight eight. Domingo Lopez and Antonio Echevarria engaged in a lousy catchweight affair which was called to halt in the fifth round and declared "no contest".

▶ In **Madrid,** Bergentino Cunado was forced to retire in the third round of his lightweight scrap with Vita of Portugal, due to a split eye caused by butting. Kid Daniel, managed and trained by his father, trimmed the Moroccan welter Ahmed Hamida, over eight and Francisco Ortega stopped Bernal in the fifth of a middles slam.

▶ **Geneva, Switzerland.**—Epiphane Akono was away below form in his bout with Franco Nenci of Italy and could only draw with the visitor in a lightie ten.

▶ **Milan, Italy.**—Ted "Farmer" Wright was less impressive at the Sports Palace here than in his showing at Rome. Against rugged Giancarlo Garbelli he demonstrated an easy style but his boxing was rather like a game of chess. Garbelli wasted no time on finesse and hammered away at close quarters whenever possible and punched his way to a rather debatable points win.

Mario Vecchiatto won clearly from Charley Douglas, U.S.A., in a lightie ten and Mino Bozzano disposed of Al Kramp in less than one round.

▶ **Saint Lo,** France.—Pierre Rossi edged another step up the flyweight ladder by outscoring former champion Guy Schatt in a good ten here.

▶ At **Besancon** Sauveur Chiocca was very lucky to earn a draw with Michel Lombardet in a good welter ten.

▶ At **Crepy,** Wladis Kopec made a promising debut, chilling Wieckowski in the first round of a cruiser clash.

▶ **Stuttgart, Germany.**—A crowd of 4000 attended the latest Willy Knorzer program here, in which Rudi Langer, who formerly held the bantam and feather titles, captured the German lightweight crown from Manfred Neuke. Langer was too fast and too clever for the Silesian and gained a clear points win.

Equally successful was Langer's stablemate, Ernst Zetzmann, who retained his welter bauble by stopping Gerd Muller, the game terrier from the Rhineland, in round twelve. Toni Gruber, 197, continued his successful comeback by whipping modest Walter Haufft, 210, in six and Karl Mildenberger made a promising debut by flattening Manfred Striemer in the opening frame of a lightheavy slam. Si Mohammed, Moroccan feather, lost to Hans Gronen in four.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain.—Pablo Lafuente did well here to outpoint Lopez Durban in a good feathers ten.

▶ At **Las Palmers,** Chato Ramos was held to a draw by tough Fernand Morin of France in a good lightie larrup over eight rounds while Lelo Suarez, rising lightweight comer, licked Antonio Martin in eight.

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## TV & BOXING

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getting a guarantee of no less than $12,000 or an option of 20 per cent.

The fight, screened throughout Canada and the U. S., is to be blacked out of Montreal and an area of 200 miles around the city.

CHANNEL HOPPING. . . . Tony Canzoneri, one-time holder of the featherweight, lightweight and junior welterweight crowns, now modelling for TV commercials.

Barney Ross, former lightweight, junior welterweight and welterweight champion, in Frankie Ryff's corner in losing effort against Eddie Perkins on TV, was going three fast minutes every round.

## BROWN'S SHOWING

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TV sets on fight night.

What's wrong with boxing? Joe Brown might have one of the answers.

Brown is an actor. He is following the example of several predecessors. The business end is considered, instead of those who pay the freight. As one of our readers expressed it:

"Those guys are insulting our intelligence to put up such performances. Are the commissions merely thinking of the state tax and their own jobs?

"Remember Brown's two fights with Joe Lopes. The first in Chicago ended in a draw. Then came a championship bout three months later and Brown swarmed all over Joe scoring a kayo in the eleventh round.

"The Busso win now calls for Viscusi to promote a Busso-Brown title fight in his Houston Club. Aren't we going back to days of hokum, which we believed had been eliminated by commission rule?"

## BARNES NO JUDGE

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*minimize dangers in boxing for professionals and amateurs. There has not been a single ring death and relatively few injuries in New York State in the last six years. In view of this safety record, three times in the last three years, hard-headed insurance companies have increased the benefits to boxers without increasing premiums.*

*"New York State, for many years, has adhered to the following high standards of safety. In fact our program has been adopted and followed in most states in which there is professional boxing.*

*"1. An annual mandatory physical examination for all boxers, including a brain examination (electroencephalogram) and x-rays of the heart and lungs, plus additional examinations before and after each bout.*

*"2. The presence of two physicians at ringside during every match.*

*"3. A mandatory electroencephalographic (EEG) examination immediately after the fight for every boxer who is knocked out.*

*"4. The required use of a properly fitted mouthpiece by every fighter.*

*"5. A complete re-evaluation of the boxing and medical record of every fighter who has suffered six consecutive losses or three consecutive KO's—with a view to forcing his retirement from the ring. One hundred and thirty-eight fighters have been retired after such a check during the last six years.*

*"6. The replacement of old felt pads under the ring canvas with specified shock absorbing material to cut down the chance of brain concussion.*

*"7. The mandatory use of eight-ounce gloves instead of six-ounce gloves in all but championship bouts.*

*"8. The automatic thirty-day suspension of any boxer who is knocked out or sustains any other severe injury.*

*"New York State has an eminent, Governor-appointed Medical Advisory Board composed of eight Members, who serve unselfishly on a non-salary basis. These physicians, including the writer, do not believe in abolishing boxing. They do believe in boxing properly controlled, adequately officiated, and medically supervised. After exhaustive investigation and analysis, this independent body would have made a recommendation to the New York State Athletic Commission to abolish boxing if they had thought it indicated.*

*"However, Harold Barnes is certainly entitled to his belated individual opinion.*

*Very truly yours,*
*Marvin A. Stevens, M.D.—Chairman*
*Medical Advisory Board*
*New York State Athletic Commission*

The Ring Magazine cannot forget Barnes' tremendous contributions to the welfare of boxing, as an expert and honest judge for so many years.

The Ring Magazine, therefore, is extremely sorry for Harold R. Barnes.

## CAN LONDON DO IT?

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again."

Although, he was written off, Brian London gave the finest reply without uttering a word. Within two months of his little world falling apart, he had stopped Tongan, George Naufahu in 4. He then beat Trevor Snell, a moderate Welshman in 2, and Germany's Werner Wiegand in 2.

In 1957, he travelled to Dortmund and lost a gruelling ten rounder to Heinz Neuhaus, revealing to those who scoffed his poor showing against Cooper that he had courage and durability. Next Robert Duquesne (France) and Willie Schagen (Holland) were each beaten in one round, Peter Bates in 2 and Kit Lave (Tonga) and Howie Turner (Brooklyn) each in ten rounds.

Next came his meeting with Willie Pastrano, of New Orleans, ranked No. 3 at the time. All British fight fans expected Willie to give London a boxing lesson. Instead, they saw London, oblivious of Pastrano's excellent record, wading in and causing nearly 11,000 fans to stand on their feet cheering.

It was a close bout. The writer agreed with Referee Bill Williams that Willie had just edged the decision, but he was in the minority. The crowd hooted loud and long.

In June, 1958, London knocked out Joe Erskine, of Cardiff, in 8 rounds at the White City to win the British, and Empire titles and the Lonsdale Belt which his dad had also won. It was a fitting year—the year of the silver wedding anniversary of his parents. . . . And Mama London, who had always cooked for her husband champion still supervises the eating side of the young champ's preparation for all big fights.

Last September Pastrano came back to England, he had already beaten Dick Richardson, London and Joe Bygraves, for a return bout. This time London was champion, and winning a title means a lot to a fighter. Brian showed even less respect for Pastrano than in their previous fight. For three rounds he thumped and bullied Pastrano as he threw punches from every angle. Willie began to settle in the fourth, and boxed well in the fifth, but then the bout came to a sudden end when Referee Jack Hart ended the bout owing to a gash above Pastrano's left eye. It was a controversial and unsatisfactory ending to what looked like being a great fight.

But at least London had shown he has no respect for reputations. He has looked good in his last three bouts, twice against Pastrano and Joe Erskine, but both these fighters are feather-duster punchers. How would that big jaw stand up to the likes of Floyd Patterson or Ingemar Johansson, the Swede, or Henry Cooper.

In January we willl have the answer as far as Cooper is concerned. If London can flatten Cooper, he may be on the road to fame and fortune.

If he can develop the hate that he has for boxing for all his opponents, he may become one of the best British heavyweights in many years. He is big enough and strong enough to hold his own with the best in the world. During the blitzes of the last war, the proud cry was "London Can Take It."

If that slogan proves to be correct with Britain's heavyweight champion, we here are prepared to say he has as much chance as any fighter in the world of dethroning Floyd Patterson.

## NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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the top. Frequently he had openings which an aggressive fighter would have taken quick advantage of, but by being too careful, Pat lost golden opportunities.

More aggressiveness is what he most requires. But whatever his shortcomings, he makes a good addition to a division that needs more top performers.

### FRED DIGBY, NEW ORLEANS SPORTS WRITER, PASSES AWAY

Boxing and football lost a good friend when Fred Digby former Sports Editor of the new defunct New Orleans "Item", passed away at the age of 68 on November 3. Fred was instrumental before World War Two in getting many of the world's leading boxers to perform in his city. His sports pages give boxing a good lift at all times and his column in the "Item" was widely read.

In 1947 he resigned his post as Sports Editor to take over as general manager of the Mid-Winter Sports Association, sponsors of the Sugar Bowl football game which he organized. He started the Sugar Bowl idea in 1935 and that annual event brought thousands of spectators to New Orleans. At his death he was the historian of the Football Writers' Association of America and a member of the Board.

With professional boxing at a standstill in Cincinnati, once one of America's finest sports' centers, City Manager C. A. Harrell has recommended to the City Council that the Cincinnati Boxing and Wrestling Commission be disbanded and that its regulatory powers should be delegated to the Safety Director or to the Recreation Commission. In making his recommendation, he pointed out that there has been no boxing in the city for a long time and that commission income has dropped to far less than the $2,000 annual expenses.

Prior to 1956, Cincinnati had a seven man commission but with clubs closing and because of squabbling among the members, that group was replaced by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members, all city officials with Safety Director Oris E. Hamilton at its head.

Abe Attell, former world featherweight king, is disposing of his fine collection of old time photos, many excellent action shots of his thrilling fights. Anyone want to buy? Get in touch with Abe at 434 East 52nd Street, New York City, 22, N. Y.

### CHAIRMAN HELFAND DESERVES CHANCE TO FINISH JOB

New York State's Boxing Commission,—Julius Helfand, chairman, Frank Souhan and James A. Farley, Jr., associates,—were appointed by Governor Averell Harriman, a Democrat. All three are members of that political party.

Now comes a new state regime, headed by Nelson Rockefeller, Republican.

Enough of the old Spoils System remains in politics to create the belief that the new governor may wish to reorganize commissions in general, and the boxing body in particular.

As Souhan has been elected to the state Assembly, he cannot continue on the Commission. In filling Souhan's place the new state executive has the power to name the new incumbent the Chairman, thus reducing Helfand to a mere $57 a meeting associate and giving the $16,500 job as chairman to a Republican.

The salary of the Chairman is not small, and yet it is not so big as to attract very many worth while eligibles.

Helfand's reputation as a lawyer, and his eligibility for a bench appointment which he expected of governor Harriman, and which never came, create the belief that in holding the commission post the chairman has made big financial sacrifices.

Helfand is willing to continue because he has a job to finish. He loves this game of boxing, and he doesn't like to think of what could happen to it if a new policy maker for the group were careless, incompetent, or interested chiefly in the $16,500.

Helfand has made mistakes as Chairman. But they were honest errors. He has done a splendid job. Boxing in the state of New York needs him.

The line of would-be successors is a very long one. The identities of these men are known to The Ring Magazine. They are not men better fitted than Helfand for the post.

If Governor-elect Rockefeller wants to help boxing, let him keep Helfand in office.

## PUNCH LINES

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and in a letter to The Ring, gives Wallman's side to set the record correct. Here is his letter:

Gentlemen:

I know that you will want to be apprised of the misstatements made in an article in "The Ring", October, 1958 issue, which article appears to have been written by you, referring to the action taken by District Attorney Hogan relative to certain persons active in boxing in the City of New York. You stated that Mr. Herman A. Wallman, whom I represent, gave testimony which was the basis of a ten count indictment naming one Frank Carbo; that as a result of my client's "singing", Bert Grant was indicted and charged with a number of crimes. Jimmy White was charged with a misdemeanor and Harry Segal was likewise charged with a misdemeanor. The statements made under your name are particularly shocking to me in view of the fact that I know them to be untrue. I know that, had you taken some pains to ascertain the accuracy of your information, you would have learned that it was wholly and completely false.

The ten count indictment against Frank Carbo contains only two counts which are in any way concerned with the activities of Mr. Wallman. As to Jimmy Peters, my client steadfastly maintained that Carbo had nothing whatever, directly or indirectly, to do with him and vigorously denied that he had any interest in Peters. Any questions put to Mr. Wallman for the purpose of elicting information as to Alex Miteff were met with equally vigorous denials that anyone, other than my client, was in any way interested in the said Miteff. Mr. Wallman has always maintained, as he still does, that Carbo had no interest whatever in any fighter who was represented, in any way, by him. The remaining accusations are based entirely upon the testimony of persons not known to us.

Investigation would have further developed the fact that, as to Grant, White, and Segal, my client did no more than identify certain telephone conversations resulting from calls made to him by the latter named persons. These conversations were recorded by representatives of the District Attorney's office and, you must understand, Mr. Wallman had no alternative but to agree that the recorded conversations were authentic.

These misstatements and distortions of the real facts have not only seriously impaired Mr. Wallman's standing in the community in which he has been active for many years, but have caused him much embarrassment and chagrin. I know you will agree that the public should be kept fully informed of the truth surrounding this situation, and accordingly feel that you would be no more than fair and just were you to set forth, in a prominent position in your well known magazine, the salient features of the above statement with particular reference to the fact that my client has continuously maintained that Carbo never had any interest in his fighters and that, in any event, only two of the ten charges made against Carbo are related, in any manner whatever, to my client's activities; that the matters in which Grant, White and Segal are presently involved are due entirely to statements and admissions made by them and not by my client.

William Kern
New York City

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# NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

## *By Ray Mitchell*

**ITALIAN WELTER CHAMPION, BRUNO VISINTIN** (he won the title when he beat Giancarlo Garbelli in June), has returned to Australia for the third time, and in his opening gambit, he met former Empire welter champion, Johnny Van Rensburg (he won that title from Australian George Barnes last May and lost it to Barnes by KO in August). The fight was all in favor of Van Rensburg. He proved too fast and too smart for Bruno in a rough battle of twelve rounds. The South African lost only three rounds in gaining an easy points win.

On October 13, at Sydney Stadium, Van Rensburg met GEORGE BARNES in a non-title bout and Johnny did some very amateurish moves, yet he won a clear points decision over the Empire champion. The win was due not so much to Johnny's brilliant boxing this time, but to Barnes' weak display.

▶Barnes, a tough, hard-hitting brainy fighter, forgot to use his ring savvy and spent all night trying to land one punch.

George Barnes is a very popular fighter here, but this was one of his very few poor fights. George realized it himself, after the fight stating: "How do you spell champ—'C-H-U-M-P'?" Barnes was disgusted with his showing.

▶Australian welter, HARRY GROGAN, making a return to the ring after twelve months, was given an impossible task at Sydney Stadium when he was paired with American middleweight, AL "TIGER" WILLIAMS. Grogan, an extremely hard puncher, wasn't sharp enough and Williams systematically cut him from all directions. Referee Patrick halted the fight in the seventh round and crowned Williams winner by knockout.

▶A week earlier, ERNIE BULL HUGHES met SANDY ASSOGNA for the vacant Australian light-heavy title. It was a rough fight, with Sandy suffering cuts in the face which necessitated seven stitches. Hughes, too, suffered cuts. Hughes decked Assogna for the count of eight in the ninth round and was punishing his rival after he got to his feet and referee Vic Patrick stopped the fight, crowning Hughes KO winner and new Australian champion.

▶WILLIE MORTON, an American, won a disappointing fight against Franco Rosini, Melbourne, lost a points decision to Billy Todd in Sydney, and, his latest start in Melbourne, he won a points decision over DON BARNES (George's young brother), in a disappointing fight. Morton is a poor representative of U. S. boxing.

▶Melbourne fans saw the best fight in years when GEORGE BRACKEN met MAX CARLOS for the third time. it will be remembered that when Bracken was lightweight champion of Australia, he lost a points decision to Carlos. They met again, in a title tilt, and Carlos won a grand battle and the title by the narrowest of margins. That title go was a beauty and the Stadium was booked out a couple of weeks beforehand.

On October 17 the Stadium was packed again and although return fights seldom match the thrills of first-fights, this one did, with some to spare. It was a thriller.

Carlos received an eye cut in the seventh round which could have caused a stoppage. Ambrose Palmer did a good job in patching the eye and Carlos went on to drop a narrow points decision—a decision which met with the approval of all. The contest was an overweight one. When Carlos puts up his title against Bracken, there will be another packed house.

▶Melbourne Stadium featured a double bill —two twelve-rounders, with ALF O'SULLIVAN, local lightweight, knocking out DON McDONNELL, N.S.W. counterpart, in the third round, and STEVE NITTIES halting COUNG REGAN in the sixth. Regan was bantam champion of Australia some years ago and was making a comeback after an absence of two years. At 123, he conceded eight pounds to Nitties and it was too much.

▶At Casino, N.S.W., on September 19, STAN HAYWARD, State lightweight champion, had a comfortable points win over Queenslander, ALF CAREY. It was a ten-round fight.

On October 10, at Melbourne, Hayward met Alf O'Sullivan and had another comfortable points win.

▶Perth (capitol of Western Australia) still is going strong, with almost every main fight being a State title affair. Last month JOHNNY CHARLTON made a comeback after a long absence and won the W.A. State feather title by outpointing Cyril Bodney. On September 29 he had his second comeback fight, conceded weight to the State lightweight champion, MIKE DAWSON, and collected his second title by outpointing Dawson. Joe Lynch is the promoter at Perth.

▶At Wollongong, featherweights BRIAN SMITH and DARCY CARR tangled over ten rounds. It was a very good fight, very clever, very fast and very clean. Also it was very even. That is how I saw it and I was the referee. For the second time in my refereeing career I gave a draw in a main fight.

Smith has been active lately. He stopped Bruce Shelley in nine rounds at Nowra a couple of weeks before meeting Carr, then, on October 8, he easily outpointed ALDO COLANGELLO at Nowra, over ten rounds. Brian goes to Perth for three fights soon. He will be leaving for the west next week.

▶At Nambour, Queensland, two flyweights who haven't fought for some months, turned on a good show over twelve rounds, with little being in the favour of the winner. ALAN GIBBARDS was the points winner over SABBY CONN. Date was September 27.

# CANADIAN MARITIMES

## *By F. W. Bishop*

**MONCTON, N. B.—YVON DURELLE, 183, BAIS ST. ANNS,** tuning up for his world's title go with Archie Moore at Montreal, made short work of Louis 'Sugar' Jones, 189, Rockford, Ill. He knocked out the very slow moving heavyweight in the 2:45 mark of the second round.

Gaston Roy, 156, of Levis, Que., who fights out of Moncton beat the pleasing former Hungarian Nick Kovac, 159, now of Moncton in 10 rounds.

In the semi-final 6, Moncton's Norm Gautreau, 143, stopped Ray Mascoll, 152, Sydney, N. S. midway through the fifth. LeRoy Jones, 137, Halifax, carried too many guns for the game Saint John, N. B. lightweight, Bobby Speight, 139. Referee Ed Lansdale called a halt at the 1:59 of the sixth much to the protests of Speight and the 3,500 who looked on.

▶Halifax, N. S.—The first fight card in three months at Halifax turned out to be the best of the season as Canadian Lightweight Champ., Dick Howard, 136, blasted away at young New Yorker, Vernon Lynch, 132, and scored a clean K.O. in 2:47 of the final round as a small crowd of 3500 roared themselves hoarse. Howard had carried all rounds. Ace Foley, Sports Editor, Halifax Mail-Star, one of Canada's top boxing writers, made a presentation of a Canadian Championship Belt to Howard along with other gifts on behalf of Halifax admirers headed by Vinee Henneberry, Doug. DeMone, Clay Harris, yours truly and the city's North End Merchant's. Lynch put up a great fight throughout but was under strain from a badly battered eye and a very bloody nose. Howard scored three knockdowns, one in the eighth and the final two in the tenth.

The semi-final '6', a slugfest, between Doug Odo, 158, Thorburn, N. S. and young Bernie Stone, 154, Halifax. Stone got off to a great start as his southpaw shots pounded home through the first four rounds. Odo fighting back, carried the fifth and sixth by a big margin but lost a disputed decision.

In another '6', rough southpaw Johnny Griffith, 155, Halifax, bulled his man, Kenny Shea, 161, Dartmouth, all over the ring for six rounds, but Shea walked off with a very unpopular win.

In the opener George Munroe, 132, Halifax, won his fifth of six as he scored a clean K.O. over a very good tough kid from Charlottetown, P.E.I. Leo Steele, 133, midway through the fourth.

▶Charlottetown, P.E.I.—Don Trainor, 163, Charlottetown, remains the lone P.E.I. fighter keeping the Island on the fistic map. He knocked out Mario Nini, 163, Bathurst, N. B. Nini failed to come out for the eighth and the referee awarded Trainor a T.K.O. in seven.

Bruno Boucher, 145, Chicoutimi, Que. scored an eight round decision over Peanuts Arsenault, 143, Summerside, P.E.I. In fours, Jimmy Poulton, 131, beat Donnie Arsenault, 132, Summerside and Carl Arsenault, 134, Summerside won over Kenny Dean, 136, Halifax.

# CLEVELAND NEWS

## *By Harold Walsh*

**PROFESSIONAL BOXING WILL COME INTO ITS OWN** again when Ed Bang, veteran boxing writer of the Cleveland News, will stage his annual News Christmas Fund Show in the Cleveland Arena.

Johnny Papke, veteran Cleveland trainer is promoting monthly amateur boxing shows at the Cleveland Athletic Club. Many other amateur shows are being staged weekly in Cleverland and soon the Golden Glove elimination bouts will be staged in Akron, Cleveland, Canton, Lorain and Youngstown.

K.O. Al Walther, former Canton welterweight, is a booster in Canton, while Harry Krohn, Akron's top flight middleweight of the past, is a factor in the success of the winter shows in Akron.

## 100th ANNIVERSARY

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Sullivan and Corbett were different in every respect except one—they were as far apart as the poles except that each knew how to command popularity and got it. Sullivan was worshipped for ten years from the time that he whipped Paddy Ryan to win the bare-knuckle title, until he was dethroned by Corbett in 1892.

John L. was the fighter, pure and simple. He recalled, to a great extent, prehistoric man, war club in hand, fighting his way to his desires, good or bad, and conquernig by the might of an irresistible arm and a head that never knew fear. That was the picture of Sullivan during the early eighties.

He fought often on the road against all comers and the only man he shunned was the great Peter Jackson. It has often been said that he feared the Colored Gladiator but those who were familiar with the situation disagree on that point. He was matched twice to fight a colored man—George Godfrey, but both times the bout was called off by the promoter. Thereafter, he refused to accept any bout with a Negro opponent.

His record for stalwart honesty over a long stretch, stood unquestioned. Those who knew him well, were not surprised at his conversion from a booze hound to a temperance preacher.

The American public forgave his many faults, brought on by a strong desire to drink beyond what was good for him and took him to its heart because he was a most colorful character, a man with an abundance of vim, a fighter of strong appeal.

Corbett was the antithesis. He introduced a new style into the roped square. He was the dude—every inch of him. He wore good clothes, always kept his hair sparkling, stood erect like a soldier, talked pleasingly, and made friends. He was not abusive as was Sullivan.

Each was a hero in the heroic age of boxing. They were in their prime during a period when men of might ruled the roost in practically every division.

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## ONE ROUND KO

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for, and won, restoration of his light heavyweight title after the New York State Athletic Commission had taken it away from him.

Joe went into the ring that night to get John Henry out before he could hurt him. It proved a clean kill. Louis was happy for that.

With Roper, the blitz was preventive. Joe had been told that, if by any chance, old Jack could go the distance, he couldn't lose since he was a favorite in Los Angeles, where they fought.

There were two other first-round knockouts by Louis, much later in his career, and with distinctive motivations.

In 1942 he whisked out Buddy Baer in 2:56 and in 1946 Tami Mauriello in 2:09.

Buddy had fought Joe the year previous in Washington, D. C., and attained a measure of fame by knocking him onto the ring apron in the first round. Salt later was rubbed into the champion's wounded dignity when Ancil Hoffman, Buddy's manager, claimed his man had been fouled and refused to leave the ring. The official result became a seventh-round disqualification.

Joe didn't like the come-off one bit. He nurtured his revenge and unleashed it in a wicked quick-getaway the night of the return.

The Mauriello fight? That was an imperative finish. By this time, Joe was well into his post-World War II decline and Tami had rocked him into the ropes early in the round with a clubbing right. Joe knew he had to go get him or his own weariness might make it impossible for he himself to go very many rounds more.

Step down off the severely high plateau inhabitated by Louis and you'll find bizarre background to other noted one-round knockouts.

There was the time Al McCoy, southpaw middleweight, had a match in Brooklyn with Joe Chip, brother of George, the champion.

Joe was taken ill and it appeared that the match would be cancelled.

Let Charley Goldman, famed little trainer who worked with McCoy, take it from here:

*"I told the manager (Jimmy Dime) that he'd be a sucker to pass up the money, 'why not let George fight McCoy, the weights are the same, aren't they?'*

*"He agreed and, to tell the truth, I wasn't trying to pull a fast one. Not at that time, anyway . . . when we got to the club, I got an idea, I said to McCoy, 'it's no decision, so he'll be satisfied to go the limit; I want you to go in with a right lead as soon as it starts and, when his guard comes up, hit him in the belly with your left—with everything you've got!'*

*"McCoy did just what I told him. I'll never forget the way Chip went down. It was like letting the air out of a balloon."*

Al became champion but, for some reason, was equated as "a cheese champion." The books show that he later fought George Chip twice in limit bouts. He also boxed Joe Chip. There was no justification for the rap. But the surprise of the knockout had created a public impression impossible to wear away.

The pages of ring history note that Jack Dempsey, most magnetic puncher of the Twentieth Century's first half-century, had been knocked out in one round by Jim Flynn in 1917 and then reversed it in one almost exactly one year later.

*"I was a pretty hungry kid in '17, I was eating better by '18,"* Dempsey always said enigmatically when asked about these two fights.

You are invited thereby to read between the lines. Apparently he hadn't the strength, or will, to do much in the first one. A consultation of the record reveals that, at the time of the second fight, he already was in the knockout stride which was to send him against Jess Willard for the title fight in '19.

In fact, in mid-summer, on tour, Dempsey had rung up five one-round KOs in a row. The capper was his fight with Fred Fulton in Harrison, N. J., which remains his fastest KO. Some say it lasted only 17 seconds.

Against Willard, in their Toledo fight, it didn't work. In the first round, that is, because the official result is in the books as 'KO, Willard, three.' Yet that's merely the final story. What happened before is an epic of controversy—and rooted deep in the question 'Can first-round knockouts be planned?'

Jack Kearns had placed a bet of $10,000 to $100,000 that Dempsey would stop Willard in the first. And he sent him into action with the understanding that they'd share the money, much in the fashion of Benny Leonard's friend and the lightweight champion in the Ritchie Mitchell fight.

*"I was on Willard as fast I could,"* Dempsey recently recounted. *"I knocked him down seven times and, when the bell rang, I was sure the fight was over. I left the ring and stood over behind the working press until they yelled for me to come in the ring again or be disqualified. . . . The round had ended. The bell wasn't for my KO."*

According to Tex O'Rourke, noted ring veteran, who was in a position to know, the bell short-changed Dempsey.

*"The timekeeper, Warren Barbour, had started his watch probably 10 seconds before the men began fighting,"* Tex said. *"He'd had difficulty yanking the bell . . . as a result, when he signalled the end of the round with Willard on the floor, it was actually 2:50 or 2:51. I know, I hadn't started my watch until he actually rang the bell."*

In one way or another, fate has seemed determined to rule as to who gets first-round knockouts. Neither fire nor form—who had more of each than Dempsey at Toledo?—could achieve it for him.

To repeat, being a puncher helps but, no matter who's the fighter involved, he can't order it as he would a cup of java. The pieces in the jigsaw must fall in place on their own.

## AMERICANS LOSE PRESTIGE

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number of non-U. S. victories recorded in preliminary bouts.

Zuany, the Mexican, has won seven straight this year against U. S. fighters; Britisher Dave Rent has turned in seven wins in eight fights; Bob Cleroux, of Canada, achieved three wins and a draw in four bouts, including an impressive kayo over former amateur star Solomon McTier. Another Canadian, Benito Favotto, has turned in two victories in two starts while German Karl-Heinz Wendt has won three out of five bouts.

Will the trend continue in the future? That is the big question? America has only Sonny Liston of Philadelphia, and McMurtry among the top contenders, who might change the trend. Among the second raters there are no American heavyweights who could be classed as sure comers.

Dropping down to the prospect stage the United States boasts a number of lads who could move up into the contenders class. They are led by Ernest Terrell of Chicago, Dave Shoulders of Detroit, Lee Williams, Bob Butcher of San Francisco, Joe Hemphill of Chicago, and Terry Lewis of Spokane, Wash.

Outside of the U. S., other countries are well stocked with Mino Bozzano of Italy, Cleroux of Canada, Joe Armstrong of Ghana, Ilkka Koski of Finland, Gawie de Klerk of South Africa, Sifa Kifalu of Tonga, Uli Ritter and Albert Westphal of Germany and Santo Amonti, Mario DePersio and Massino Zanaboni all of Italy.

Both sides have the resources to keep up their end in the future. Can the Americans regain the upper hand and prove that this past three months was just a fluke or has the tide turned just as it did in the lower classes where the foreign boxers now dominate.

## THE INDIAN SIGN

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for the clever, sharpshooting Coffey.

'Tis said that anything can happen when two Irishmen start swinging at one another. Anything did happen that night. Moran wrecked Coffey in the third round.

Big Jim wasn't satisfied. He clamored for another bout with Moran. Frank obliged. Less than three months later the rivals met again in the same ring. Moran needed nine rounds to complete the job this time, but he did it. Coffey had beaten better fighters than Moran, but he just couldn't whip Frank. The latter had the "Indian Sign" on him.

When he was campaigning in California's four-round circuit in 1917 and '18, Jack Dempsey's most troublesome problem was "Fat Willie" Meehan. They tangled three times, with Manassa Jack getting worse instead of better. Dempsey won the first decision. The second bout resulted in a draw. Roly-poly Meehan, continuing to improve, was the winner in the third clash. Disgusted, Dempsey ended the series then and there.

Middleweight Champion Mike O'Dowd dropped into Boston one night in 1920 for what was expected to be just another fight for him. Mike didn't anticipate much difficulty with his opponent, southpaw Johnny Wilson, who rated little better than ordinary. It was a stunning jolt to the boxing world when the news flashed out of the Hub that Wilson had been awarded the verdict and the title.

O'Dowd's constituents promptly howled "Boston decision." Wilson didn't take too kindly to the squawks. "Maybe I'm not the best middleweight in the world," he said, "and maybe O'Dowd can beat fighters who can beat me, but he's one guy I can lick anywhere at any time."

Wilson had the chance to prove it a year and half later. The return match was arranged for "neutral" Madison Square Garden. Wilson was right. He may not have been the best middleweight in the world but Mike O'Dowd was one guy he could beat.

### A SHOCK FOR BRITAIN.

Getting excited over their heavyweights has been old established practice in Britain, but of all the 'big uns produced in this century it is doubtful if any one attracted more enthusiastic raves than Jack Peterson, a stylish boxer-puncher of the '30s.

After a brilliant amateur career, Peterson turned professional in 1931 and in four years lost only one decision in 31 starts. That one defeat, inflicted by ringwise Len Harvey, was erased when the Welshman knocked Harvey out in a return match.

Of Petersen's 30 victories, 19 had been by the kayo route. Not only leading British rivals but many of the top European continentals had fallen before Petersen's classic boxing and snappy punching. Jack had been especially successful against Germans, and it was generally predicted that the veteran Walter Neusel would go the way of his Teutonic predecessors when he was imported to London to tangle with Petersen early in 1935.

Neusel, however, had other ideas. Absorbing rugged punishment most of the way, the durable German outlasted the favored Welshman and stopped him in the eleventh round.

It was a bewildering shock to Jack and the British populace. A return match was demanded, and a few months later Petersen was accommodated. This time Neusel bettered his previous performance by one round. He halted the Welshman in the tenth session.

Those defeats exploded Petersen's hopes of becoming a world champion, but Jack remained unconvinced that he wasn't a better fighter than Neusel. Two years later the Welshman was given a third chance to beat the German, but the "Indian Sign" was too much for him. Again in London, Neusel stopped him in the tenth round. That was enough for Petersen. He announced his retirement from the ring.

### CHRIS WILL NEVER FORGET.

One of the most successful operatives this trade has known is Chris Dundee, now based in Miami Beach after spending a large part of his busy career bouncing all over the global landscape, promoting fights and managing fighters. With all his hustle and bustle, however, there is one harrowing chapter in Dundee's past that probably will haunt Chris for the rest of his life.

It was in 1941 and Dundee was handling Jimmy Webb, a stylish boxer and sharpshooting puncher out of Texas.

Billy Conn had just given up the light-heavyweight to campaign as a heavyweight. An elimination tourney was in progress in New York to determine Conn's successor.

Webb was a strong favorite to win. Jimmy had turned in a brilliant exhibition in stopping Tommy Tucker in Madison Square Garden and advancing to the tourney's semi-final round.

Dundee wasn't one to keep his fighters idle, even with important matches ahead. Chris believed the best way for a ringster to stay in top condition was by fighting frequently. While awaiting the next round of the championship tourney, he booked Webb for a tune-up with a Mose Brown in Pittsburgh.

The tune-up turned out to be a disaster. Brown knocked Webb out in the second round.

Insisting the result was an accident, but realizing he had to get that defeat off Webb's record if Jimmy was to remain in the title series, Dundee promptly hauled the Texan back to Pittsburgh for a rematch with Brown.

This time Webb lasted until the fifth round before Brown caught up to him.

Dundee was a tough 'un to convince. For the third time in less than two months he sent Webb in against Brown in Pittsburgh. It was Jimmy's best showing of the lot. He managed to reach the sixth round before Ol' Man Mose nailed him again.

That was enough for Dundee and Webb.

The "Indian Sign" can be a mighty powerful factor in this trade.

## GERALD "KING" GRAY

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Kingston fans said he had been over-rated and the promoters promptly forgot about him.

Down in September of that year quick-stepping Neville Powell relieved White of the title and the Boxing Board ordered Gray recalled to fight the loser of that title fray. Instead the promoters matched Gerald with Weiss, and Gray knocked the stuffings out of him. Six weeks later he won easily from White and in December 1955 took the title from Powell in a close bout. There was a storm of controversy over the decision. But Gray was more firmly established than anyone thought.

Gerald whipped Powell in a return encounter in 1956, stopped the highly rated Dixie Morgan in his third consecutive title bout and then began looking for foreign competition.

First they brought him Tony Necro, middleweight from Florida. Tony couldn't come out for the ninth round, that May night in 1956. In June they brought Irwin Blues, champion of Panama, and that one bowed out in 7.

In August Gray pounded out a 10-round verdict against Rudolph Bent, champion of British Honduras and, a fortnight later, he trounced Hugh Serville, reigning welter king of Trinidad. Gerald finished his 1956 campaign by giving Bent another licking in October.

Gray's first overseas venture was in May last year when he visited Aruba for a rendezvous with Hector Constance who at one time was rated fourth in The Ring. Gerald started a 3-1 under-dog, but finished a comfortable winner.

Back in Jamaica, Gerald whipped Teddy "Red Top" Davis in 10, then sailed for England with the British Empire title on his mind. At that time he was set at number 6 in the British ratings, but the weather was bad for him and influenza struck at the wrong time. His record there showed a win over Eddie Phillips at Harringay and a defeat by Ben Buker II.

If his England trip was not spectacular it certainly brought him polish. Against Rocky Ferguson of the Bahamas he got off the floor to pile up a comfortable points victory.

### JAMAICAN WORKING TOWARD FIGHT WITH ISAAC LOGART

Not long afterwards Gray cleared up a controversial question by decisively drubbing Jose Edwin, Panamanian champion, who had suffered at his hands in 1956. After that there was hardly a man about town who didn't agree that the boy had arrived.

The next stop was Duke Harris, the Michigan champion, who lost in 10 heats. The latest victim was the ranking Charley "Tombstone" Smith. The Jamaican is getting ready for a date with the Cuban Isaac Logart in October. After that it may be Virgil Akins and the world title.

If that happens one man who will celebrate is Allan Isaacs, Gray's manager. In Jamaica managers take care of fighters and draw no pay. Isaacs is the leading manager. He spotted Gray shortly after he arrived in Kingston and was impressed by the boy's courage and stamina. And he very much liked the way the boy kept moving ahead, never backing away from an opponent even when the going was rough.

After the second Weiss fight Isaacs went to Gerald's dressing room and offered to manage him. Gray never returned to his country town, but set up headquarters under Isaacs' guidance, and began taking lessons from an experienced trainer who had seen action in the United States.

Isaacs' dream is to see Gray crowned world champion. It is a cause to which he is as much dedicated as Gerald himself and if all goes well the dream may well come true in 1959.

### HOGAN (KID) BASSEY

Fighting under the shadow of his manager George Biddle's grave illness, world featherweight champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey made his debut as world champion in the United States by winning a unanimous ten round decision over Carmelo Costa in a non-title bout at Madison Square Garden.

Biddle had been taken to the hospital a few days before the fight. The champion showed fine ring generalship as he twice sent Costa to the canvas in the third round with the bell saving the game Brooklyn boxer from a knockout.

After that onslaught, Bassey seemed to lose some of his drive and Costa used his speed of foot and fancy boxing to stay out of harm's way for the rest of the contest.

Hogan grew a bit wild in the late rounds as he tried hard to finish off his elusive foe and the result was the slip in the above photo as Hogan missed a right and fell to the canvas. Tabbed as easy pickings for Bassey, the running tactics of Costa did not help "showcase" the champ.

The fight which opened the winter season in the Garden was a good fight. It was the first real test for the once top ranking featherweight since his year's absence from the ring while serving in the Army and "Chubby" showed that he has lost little of his skill and is still a match for some of the top men. Bassey is getting ready to leave the U. S. for his home in Liverpool, England.

# NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

## By JOHNNY SHARPE

AFTER nearly fifty years spent in every side of this gloriously boxing game, there are one or two truths that I behold to be self evident. First and foremost . . . "Don't try to judge a fight if you don't see it" . . . and secondly. . . . "If the nod goes against you . . . don't kick".

Maybe my American colleagues who write for the Sports columns of the United States Newspapers won't agree with me, but let's get things straight . . . Henry Cooper beat Zora Folley. The referee thought so . . . the crowd thought so . . . and for what it's worth, so did your humble servant. Maybe he didn't do it by a mile . . . but it was clear enough for Referee Tommy Little to have no hesitation after the last round (Clearly won by Cooper) to give the English lad the duke.

You know . . . we here in England are used to poor decisions, and so called 'raw decisions occur even in The United States. There were even some people foolish enough to think that Tommy Farr had beaten Joe Louis. But the referee and judges thought otherwise. The point I'm trying to make, even if I seem to ramble a little, is very simple, and it is: Running home and crying "we wuz robbed" is too frequently done. One should take defeat like a man.

Incidentally, How did Eddie Machen ever explain that one round kayo handed him by Ingemar Johanssen. Was that a bad decision too?

▶HARRINGAY ARENA . . . This is the last report of a boxing show that will be written from this arena. The Spacious 11,000 seater has been taken over by a big food concern and promoter Jack Solomons set out to make this last promotion a HISTORICAL EVENT. Max Baer-Gus Lesnevich- and Henry Armstrong, were invited to make the trip from America to witness the closing down of this fight arena where they made themselves popular by their spectacular displays in the days gone by.

Master of Ceremonies, Johnny Best introduced Jacy Solomons who in turn called into the RING his co-partner Francis Gentle. . . . Then came the introduction of past and present boxers that have appeared at this arena. Harry Mizler-Dave Crowley. Max Baer-Tommy Farr. Eric Boon-Arthur Danahar. Terry Downes-Phil Edwards. Henry Armstrong-Ernie Roderick. Gus Lesnevich. Jack Peterson. Eddie Phillips. Bruce Woodcock. Peter Kane. Rinty Monaghan, Len Harvey. Don Cockell. Ronnie Clayton. Johnny Williams. Joe Erskine. It was a Memorable night for those "WHO WERE THERE".

Getting back to the serious part of the show, we saw a lad that will always be a welcome performer in these rings. Carlos Ortiz, Puerto Rico, now domiciled in New York. Ortiz, 135½, gave Dave Charnley, Dartford, British Lightweight Champion, 134½, a boxing lesson for ten rounds. For a man who has never boxed a southpaw, Ortiz gave a polished display, and soon had Charnley carrying a worried look on his face. Throughout the bout, the American stepping to his left scored repeatedly with lefts to the head, and after damaging Charnley's right eye, he then went to town with hefty rights that had the British Champion soggy against the ropes. Credit must be given to Charnley for the uphill battle that he put up.

Dick Richardson, Newport, 207, showing more restraint than he has been doing of late, made a welcome return to the ring after his defeat by Henry Cooper, scored a clear cut points win over Garvin Sawyer, Cincinnati, U.S.A., 194, in a hard punching ten.

Dai Dower, Wales, 119¼, having his first bout in over eight months, was a trifle unlucky in not sharing the honors with Pat Supple, Canada, 118¼, in their ten rounder. Dower started off with a big lead by his fast boxing, but the little hustling bantam from Canada soon found a way of reducing Dower's lead. Referee Jack Hart gave the Canadian the decision. The crowd did not take kindly to his verdict for it was a mighty close bout.

Billy Wadham, Tottenham, 146½, and Jim Daly, Canning Town, 145½, put up a great scrap for four rounds before the bout was stopped in favour of Wadham, for Daly was in a bad way on rising from a seven count.

Tony French, Woking, 150½, was unexpectedly outpointed by Tommy Lee, Croydon, 151, in a closely fought six. . . . Jim "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 132, was a narrow points winner over George Martin, Bermondsey, formerly of Belfast, 137, in a hectic eight.

Fred "Nosher" Powell, Walworth, 198½, and Basil Kew, Putney, 187½, will go down on the records of having fought the last bout at THE HARRINGAY ARENA, and the crowd stayed to the last to witness this comedy six round bout which was won by Powell.

When Randolph Turpin was introduced from the ring, the announcement was to the effect that he has retired.

▶MIDDLESBOROUGH . . . In the previous month I wrote of the good performance that George Bowes of West Hartlepool did in disposing of British Flyweight Champion Frank Jones of Scotland in the first round. On the same card Wally Swift, Nottingham, 143½, defeated Peter Cobblah, Ghana, 143½, in the sixth, when the referee intervened because Cobblah had received a badly cut eye. . . . Eddie O'Connor, Dublin, 120, boxed well to outpoint Danny McNamee, Dundee, 117½, in six. . . . John Garrett, Belfast, 129¼, outpointed Keith Dennison, Stockton, 130, in four. . . . Ron Cowley, Sunderland, 139, won a points decision over Mick Conway, Middlesborough, 148, in four.

▶DONCASTER . . . Eric Brett, Retford, 118, is a consistent performer. In all the bouts that I have seen him in, he has never failed to please. In his bout with Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, 121¼, who was making his debut in these British Isles, Brett gave another of his determined displays and when he had the Nigerian on the ropes in the sixth, and covering up against the two handed onslaught, the referee stepped in and stopped the bout.

Colin Harrison, Rotherham, 145, with his southpaw style puzzled young Brian Husband, Hull, 146, in their six, with Harrison ending as a points winner. . . . Paul Beatteee, Leicester, outpointed Brian Hunt, Worksop, in six. . . . Fred Kayho, Tonga, 212¼, overawed Terry Girdlestone, Rotherham, 210¾, who was forced to retire at the end of the second with a damaged eye. . . . Ted Buck, Nottingham, 160¾, stopped Armstrong Jamie, Ghana, 153, in the second. . . . Billy Calvert, Sheffield, stopped Johnny Fitzpatrick, Rotherham, in the second.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, LONDON . . . George Happe, Bethnal Green, 159½, started slow in his punishing bout with Wally Scott, West Ham, 159¾, but finished with speed to gain a narrow points win in a thrilling eight. . . . Len Barrow, Swansea, 160, easily outpointed Derek Liversidge, Retford, in eight. . . . In the amateur ring, Albert Adanolfi, stopped TERRY DOWNES, now Britain's Middleweight Champion, in two rounds, this caused Downes to join the professional ranks with success. Albert, now known as AL BERETI, Seven Dials, 158, caused another sensation with his hard hitting first, by knocking out the clever Stepney Middleweight Dennis Booty, 157¾, in 2.20 of the first round. . . . The fans love a puncher, and I can forsee Bereti becoming a popular drawing card. . . . Johnny Warner, Harrow, 137½, stopped Johnny Summers, Islington, 135¾, in the first after receiving a hard right which put Summers on the canvas, the referee stopped the one sided bout. . . . Derek Walker, Acton, 153, was counted out in the first when George Burke, Canning Town, 157, planted a right to his jaw.

▶WALSALL . . . Colin Moore, Derby, 148, continues his undefeated record with a win over Billy Wooding, Birmingham, 148, Midland Area Welterweight Champion, who was stopped in the seventh by the referee, when Wooding received a badly cut eye, Moore, was well on the way to a points win. . . . A cut eye curtailed the bout between Johnny King, Birmingham, 138½, and Arthur Burley, Wolverhampton, 135, when the latter received a very bad cut eye in the first round which caused the referee to intervene in favour of King.

The referee again had to intervene in the third, when Rex Morris, Coventry, 114, received a badly cut eye, and Barry Adgie, Derby, 110, was declared the winner. Billy Allport, Walsall, 131½, outpointed Paul Beattie, Derby, 132½, in six. . . . Chris Elliott, Derby, 122, and Johnny Lewis, Notts, 119½, fought a thrilling six to a draw. . . . Peter Woodward, Birmingham, 176, stopped Gene Jakstins, Leicester, 178, in the third, after the latter had taken three counts.

▶MAESTEG . . . Ray Ashie, Ghana, 137½, was awarded a points win over Teddy Best, Cardiff, 139, in a hard fought eight. . . . Len Harvey, Cardiff, 139½, coming in as a last minute substitute, outpointed Freddie Bancroft, Cockermouth, 131¼, in a thrilling eight. . . . Tommy Williams, Cardiff, 138, and Billy Whitfield, Cardiff, 131, belted each other around for six rounds before Williams was declared the winner.

Norman Jenkins, Caerau, 154, outpointed Rowland Hicks, Cardiff, 153, in six. . . . Johnny McMullen, Cardiff, 148¾, and Tommy Massebo, Cymer, 153¼, fought a draw in six.

▶SHOREDITCH . . . Terry Spinks, West Ham, 120½, won in convincing style over Eddie O'Connor, Dublin, 120½, but he was in receipt of a badly cut eye in the last few seconds of the eighth and last round. It was a anti-climax to a very entertaining contest.

Dave Stone, Battersea, 135½, outclassed Ray Nash, Wembley, 135¼, and the latter was forced to take several counts in the first, before the referee wisely called a halt.

Ted Batterham, Walworth, 147¼, showed good form in his first professional contest, stopping George Jeffreys, Kilburn, 148, in

### BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

**(to November 21, 1958)**

| HEAVYWEIGHTS | CRUISERWEIGHTS | MIDDLEWEIGHTS | WELTERWEIGHTS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Brian London (E) | Yvon Durelle (C) | Dick Tiger (N) | George Barnes (A) |
| 2. Henry Cooper (E) | Johnny Halafihi (To) | Yama Bahama (B) | Johnny van Rensburg (SA) |
| 3. George Chuvalo (C) | Mike Holt (SA) | Terry Downes (E) | Gerald Gray (J) |
| 4. Joe Erskine (W) | Yolande Pompey (T) | Clive Stewart (A) | Gale Kerwin (C) |
| 5. Joe Bygraves (J) | Sammy Langford (N) | Wilf Greaves (C) | Joe N'Gidi (SA) |
| 6. Dick Richardson (W) | Jack Whittaker (E) | A'tu Clottey (G) | Tommy Molloy (E) |
| 7. Gawie de Klerk (SA) | Arthur Howard (E) | Phil Edwards (W) | Jimmy Newman (E) |
| 8. Kitione Lave (To) | Ron Redrup (E) | John McCormack (S) | Billy Todd (A) |
| 9. Allen Williams (A) | Eddie Wright (E) | Martin Hansen (E) | Albert Carroll (E) |
| 10. Sifa Kivalo (To) | Chic Calderwood (S) | Freddie Cross (W) | Darby Brown (A) |

| LIGHTWEIGHTS | FEATHERWEIGHTS | BANTAMWEIGHT | FLYWEIGHT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Dave Charnley (E) | Hogan Bassey (N) | Peter Keenan (S) | John Caldwell (I) |
| 2. Willie Toweel (SA) | Percy Lewis (T) | Freddie Gilroy (I) | Dennis Adams (SA) |
| 3. Richie Howard (C) | Pete Kawala (C) | George Bowes (E) | Frankie Jones (S) |
| 4. Ludwig Lightburn (BH) | Bobby Neill (S) | Pat Supple (C) | Ron (Ponty) Davies (W) |
| 5. Jackie Hayden (C) | Floyd Robertson (G) | Dick White (A) | Len Reece (W) |
| 6. Ron Hinson (E) | Roy Jacobs (N) | Dai Dower (W) | Malcolm McLeod (I) |
| 7. George Bracken (A) | Johnny Howard (E) | Tommy Miller (S) | Warner Batchelor (A) |
| 8. Max Carlos (A) | Charley Hill (S) | Derry Treanor (S) | Lloyd Gordon (C) |
| 9. Billy Kelly (I) | Aryee Jackson (G) | Jimmy Carson (S) | Little Joe (G) |
| 10. Russell Sands (A) | Charley Els (SA) | Billy Rafferty (S) | Ado Garuba (G) |

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

the first round. Batterham, should be watched with interest, as he showed some clean crisp punching. Eddie West, Bethnal Green, 126½, won on points over Billy Graydon, Bethnal Green, 126, in an exciting six. . . . Johnny Brodsky, Bethnal Green, 134, outpointed Dave Ray, Streatham, 137, in six.

▶HANLEY . . . Jack Whittaker, Warwick, 171, was a narrow points winner over Neville Rowe, Australia, 175¾, in a hard fought eight. The decision did not please the fans.

Billy Riley, Liverpool, 152¾, knocked out Tex Williams, Carlisle, 148, in the third. . . . Ken Hignett, Liverpool, 137½, knocked out Brian Hunt, Nottingham, 138½, in the second. . . . Richie Edwardson, Liverpool, 149½, was too experienced for Dick North, Nottingham, 148, and was a worthy points winner in six. . . . Len Edmonds, Nottingham, 136, and Ted Arthur, Belfast, 138½, fought a draw in six.

▶BELFAST . . . Jim "Spike" McCormick, Belfast, 132, was too clever for Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 134, when they fought for The Northern Ireland Lightweight Title, held by Brown. McCormick outboxed Brown in every phase of the twelve rounds.

Billy Skelly, Belfast, 116¾, outpointed George O'Neill, Belfast, 117¼, in twelve rounds, to become the new Northern Ireland Bantamweight Champion. . . . Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, 146½, was a clear points winner over Paddy Graham, Belfast, 147¼, in ten.

Floyd Robertson, Ghana, now residing in Belfast, 127, and Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 126¼, fought eight rounds to a draw. . . . Robertson had no one to blame but himself for not taking his chance in the third to score a spectacular win, after putting Jacobs down on the canvas and not following up quickly. Another left hook sent Jacobs on the deck for a count of three and swaying helplessly against the ropes with his opponent bewildered, Jacobs managed to last out the round. Making a remarkable recovery, the Nigerian fought the rest of the bout with great determination and held his own. But when the referee's decision of a draw was announced, the crowd gave it a very mixed reception.

Joe Quinn, Belfast, 128½, gained a clear points victory over Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, 127¼, in eight. . . .

▶LIVERPOOL . . . John 'Cowboy" McCormack, Glasgow, 157½, cleverly outpointed Martin Hansen, Liverpool, 158½, over ten rounds in a official eliminator for the British Middleweight Title. McCormack, who is ten years younger than Hansen, boxed with rare judgment in avoiding the aggressiveness of the former Dane, countering every move.

Chic Calderwood, Craigneuk, 166½, was awarded the decision when Johnny Campbell, manager of Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 168½, would not let the latter come up for the seventh. The Scot was definately on top during the fourth and the fifth, dealing out severe punishment with hard lefts and rights to the head.

In the sixth Calderwood had Ellaway almost on the verge of a K.O. when at the bell a right put the latter down for good in a neutral corner. Calderwood was the superior till the climax at the end of the sixth, and referee Jack Lord ignored the claims of Manager Johnny Campbell that the last blow was after the bell.

Bill Boyd, Birkenhead, 159, and Peter Goldie, Todmorden, 159, put up one grand scrap till the referee intervened in the fourth to save Goldie unnecessary punishment. . . . Malcolm Worthington, Crew, former Northern Counties Amateur Champion, 161, made a successful entry into the professional ranks with a four round victory over Ray Ward, Halifax, 164, when the referee stopped the bout in his favor after Ward had taken considerable punishment. . . . Tony Smith, Bottle, 148, outpointed Ron Jackson, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 148, in four.

▶BELFAST . . . Silas Boko, Nigeria, 112¼, was the most surprised person in The Ulster Hall, when referee Andy McDowell, raised his hand as the winner at the end of eight interesting rounds against Tommy Armour, Belfast, 110¾.

Gil Neill, Belfast, 128¾, after an absence of several months, returned to the ring with renewed confidence to knock out Andy Doherty, Derry, 128¾, in the third. . . . Al Sharpe, Belfast, 140, outpointed Sam Thompson, Belfast, 148, in eight. . . . Pat Price, Newry, 149, stopped Ray Bond, Belfast, 145½, in the fourth, when the latter sustained a badly cut eye. . . . Arthur Rafferty, Belfast, 117¾, outpointed Alex McCready, Conlig, 123, in four.

▶LEYTON . . . Terry Gill, Canning Town, 147, is still Southern Area Welterweight Champion, BECAUSE, referee Tommy Little said that on his scorecard he had outpointed Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 147, at the end of twelve interesting rounds. . . . I go bold to state that he might have been THE ONLY ONE who thought that Gill had done enough to warrant the points decision. When the gong went at the end of the contest, Gill went despondently towards his corner, whilst Carroll danced jubilantly around the ring.

When the referee raised the hand of Gill, the crowd rose as one against the official verdict. On my card Carroll had eight, Gill, two, and two even.

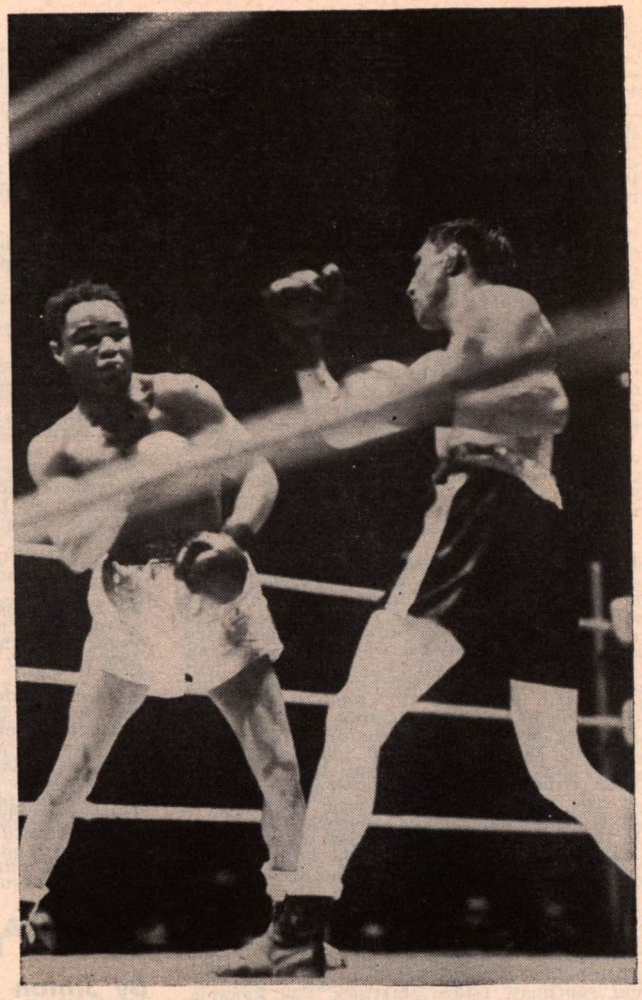
Harry Doodoo, Ghana, 171, defeated Johnny Cole, Bow, 169¼, in the sixth of a gruelling contest, when the referee intervened after the latter had taken several counts. . . . Dennis Hinson, West Ham, 135½, boxed cleverly to outpoint southpaw Eddie Hughes, Walworth, 138½, in eight.

Barney Beale, Lambeth, 137, outpointed Tommy McGuinness, Edinburgh, 141½, in eight. Derek Lloyd Chingford, 116½, stopped Peter Sexton, Walworth, 123, in the fourth, after the latter had received a badly cut eye. . . . George Cottle, Bermondsey, 137, knocked out Ted Arthur, Halifax, 136, in the fourth.

▶WEMBLEY . . . The remaining bouts on the Cooper-Folley show, of which I sent my report earlier, are as follows: Len Barrow, Swansea, 162, outpointed George Happe, Bethnal Green, 159¼, in a hard hitting eight. . . . Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 147½, outpointed Billy Wadham, Tottenham, 146, in a all-action eight. . . . Phil Jones, Cardiff, 127, made it seven, when he outpointed Dennis Everett, Bracknell, 124, in six.

▶CHELTENHAM . . . Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 145¼, used his experience to gain a points decision over the hard hitting Tommy Tagoe, Ghana, 149, in eight fiercely contested rounds. In the third Tagoe connected with a right to the jaw that put St. Louis down for eight. After this set back, St. Louis put more life into his work and reduced the lead that Tagoe had obtained.

In the last two rounds St. Louis got on top to snatch a points win. . . . Johnny McMullen, Cardiff, 145, outpointed Eddie Baker, Bournemouth, 147, in six. . . . Ivor Evans, Bournemouth, 145¾, was too good for Howard Turpin, Leamington, 146, in six. . . . Terry Banning, Leamington, 143, outpointed Billy Collins, Stepney, 145¾, in six. . . . Roy Lake, Carshalton, 124, won on points against Freddie Wingfield, Nottingham, 123, in six. . . . Alric Bailey, Trinidad, 171½, outpointed Jimmy Blanch, Coventry, 171, in six.



**One of the great fights held at historic Harringay Arena, London, England, pitted Hammerin' Henry Armstrong (left) against Britisher Ernie Roderick in a world welterweight title bout in 1939. Armstrong retained title with a fifteen round decision. As a fight arena, Harringay is no more, having been taken over by a big food concern.**

▶WEMBLEY . . . Town Hall . . . Bob Anderson, Shepherds Bush, 161½, knocked out Derek Walker, Chiswick, 156½, in the third. Walker, a former amateur, has had three contests as a professional, winning the first and being knocked out in the other two. Walker taking the advice of his manager, has decided to quit boxing.

Barrie Smith, Dartfoed, 124, outpointed Terry Rees, Catford, 127, in six. . . . Dave Chandler, Battersea, 136, outpointed Mick D'Arcy, Royston, 133½, in six. . . . Pat Byrne, Scotland, 162½, having his first professional bout, did well to stop George Corcoran, Notting Hill, 158¾, in the third, after the latter had taken a count of "nine". . . . Tommy Murphy, Willesden, 147¾, stopped Terry Tulley, Brighton, 141¾, who was forced to retire at the end of the first with a badly cut eye.

▶BIRMINGHAM . . . Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, 144½, made short work of Harry Haydock, British Guiana, 143¾, causing the referee to intervene in his favor during the second round, when Haydock was taking unnecessary punishment. . . .

Frankie Spencer, Wolverhampton, 113½, and Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 114½, fought a interesting eight to a draw. . . . Phil McGrath, Halifax, 131, outpointed Colin Salcombe, Birmingham, 130½, in six. . . . Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, 173¼, won on points against Peter Woodward, Birmingham, 174, in six. . . .

Tony French, Woking, 150½, was hard put to outpoint Tommy Massebo, Neath, 154, and gain a close points win in six. . . . Peter Heath, Coventry, 134¾, stopped Norman Jenkins, Swansea, 137, in the fifth, when the referee intervened. . . . Ray Ward, Halifax, 163¼, stopped John Savage, Birmingham, 163, in the second. . . .

▶BELFAST . . . Paddy Kelly, Derry, 126¾, defeated Trevor Martin, Bangor, 127, on points after an exciting eight. . . . It took Allan Dean, Birkenhead, 162, only 2:30 of the first round to knock out Gerry Hassett, Belfast, 161. . . . Al Sharpe, Belfast, 138¼, stopped Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 137¼, in the sixth. . . . Gil Neill, Belfast, 131½, knocked out Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 136½, in the second. . . .

▶LEICESTER . . . Attu Clottey, Ghana, 154¼, used his experience and aggressiveness to gain a close points win over Market Harborough middle George Aldridge in eight

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twenty years. The official attendance was announced as 4,116, the gross gate hitting $10,048.16. In posting his eighth professional win, and sixth by kayo, Torres had no trouble with Emery. The Canadian was outclassed and absorbed a lusty battering before Referee Harry Ebbets halted the carnage at 2:07 of the fifth. As usual when Torres appears in the top spot, the undercard was loaded with fellow-Puerto Ricans, but they didn't fare too well. In the semi-final, scheduled for six, Lou Velez, 147¼, was finished by Roger Harvey, 142½, Bermuda, at 2:31 of the fourth. A pair of Puerto Ricans hooked up in a four, Juan Rivera, 131½, outpointing Nino Malave, 135¾. Another Puerto Rican entry, Ray Sanna, 134½, was stopped by Jackie Donnelly, 135½, Buffalo, at 2:37 of the third. In the only bouts in which no islanders appeared, Chico Rollins, 133½, West Side, outlasted Harry Floyd Smith, 133¼, East Side, in a socking six, and Charley Poole, 172½, West Side, was from Clarence Augustus, 172½, Harlem.

▶ Continuing his policy of favoring Latin-Americans at the St. Nicholas Arena, Teddy Brenner offered a wide variety of them—a Puerto Rican, a Cuban, a Panamanian, an Argentino and a Dominican—on one card, but the public response wasn't too encouraging. The attendance was only 1,802 with the gross receipts reaching a modest $4,017. The card, however, did come up with one probable box-office attraction for the future. Showing hereabouts for the first time, Victor Salazar, 157, an awkward but hard-hitting Argentino, battered his way to a knockout over Otis Woodard, 160, Memphis, Tenn., at 2:36 of the fifth. Woodard wasn't down at any time but he had absorbed a savage lacing and was all but helpless when Referee Mark Conn called a halt. The bout was one of three scheduled tens. The first section of the triple windup ended in a hurry, Benny Paret, 154¾, Cuba, flattening Andy Figaro, 151, Puerto Rico, with a solid right to the jaw at 2:19 of the first. In the other ten, Marvin (Candy) McFarland, 135½, Philadelphia, uncovered a strong finish to edge out southpaw Isidro Martinez, 136, Panama. In the only preliminary, Bartolo Soni, 176, Dominican Republic, outpointed Clarence Augustus, 173½, Harlem.

## EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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▶ **Barcelona,** Spain.—A first-class Franco-Spanish show draw a large crowd to the local Sports Palace where Bobby Ros reached once more for the stars by taking on Felix Chiocca. The Corsican fought hard but was guilty of several low blows. The potential challengers of Duilio Loi slammed it out toe-to-toe in the tenth, and Chiocca was forced to give ground. Ros won clearly on points.

Jose Mardaras is now being touted as a "future Paulino"—as has every Spanish Heavyweight been in his time—though last season he was knocked out by a third-rate cruiser. Anyway, his win over Francois Kania was greeted with loud cheers. Kania, a last-minute sub, was taken out of action in the fifth for marked inferiority.

Ben Buker won over ten rounds against Andre Davier of France in a bad welter bout and Juan Cardenas flattened Charles Sylla in the eighth of a bantam affair. Ten thousand passed the turnstiles.

▶ **Rheims,** France.—Recognized as official contender for European honors, Jacques Herbillon wasted no time against Jean Hoeffler of Belgium and slammed the visitor out for the count in round six.

▶ At **Vierzon,** Tony Garcia gained a mysterious verdict over Fernand Morin in a lightie ten, after having been floored three times.

## NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

### *By Ike Morales*
### *(New Orleans Boxing Writer)*

**BOXING IN NEW ORLEANS AND LOUISIANA IS** now under the chairmanship of Mrs. James Waldron, the first woman ring commissioner ever appointed in the Pelican state.

Gov. Earl K. Long appointed Mrs. Waldron following the death of James (Pete) Waldron on October 7. The 43-year-old Waldron suffered a heart attack September 20, and was reported on the road to recovery when the end came.

Mrs. Waldron admits she has a lot to learn about the fight game, but plans on presiding at the commission meetings. "I will depend on the advice and help of other members of the commission," said Mrs. Waldron. Her appointment expires in May, 1960.

Pete Herman, vice-chairman of the commission, and Secretary Emile Bruneau sent telegrams to the governor urging him to appoint Mrs. Waldron as her husband's successor.

▶ Most boxing fans here were surprised at the ease in which Ralph Dupas brushed by the veteran Gil Turner at Montreal, and many of them are quite certain the local welterweight could do the same to Virgil Akins, the 147-pound king, in a 10 or 15 round affair. . . . It has been a well-known fact that Turner is far past his peak, but the Philly puncher was expected to give Ralph a much stiffer fight than he did. . . .

Johnny Fisse, a fine bantamweight during the Pete Herman-Eddie Coulon-Artie Simons era, has signed Guillermo Medina to a contract. The 22-year-old Medina hails from Venezuela and has engaged in 74 pro fights, losing but 13, according to Fisse. . . . Charley Joseph, back in winning form, would like to meet Rory Calhoun in a local ring, but efforts to get Manager Frank Bachman's consent have proven futile.

▶ Charley Joseph continued on his winning streak after a so-so showing earlier in the year by giving Norris Burse of Houston a pasting in 10 rounds in the Coliseum Arena here.

Once a highly rated middleweight, Joseph was pushed out of the elite group with a number of inferior performances. However, his showing against Burse was proof sufficient that Charley is well on his way back to cope with the better 160 pounders around the nation. Joseph readily proved his superiority over his lesser experienced opponent. The local middleweight pounded Burse with damaging body blows and buckled the visitor's knees with ripping hooks to the jaw on several occasions.

## BOXING IN ARGENTINA

### *By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio*

**BUENOS AIRES.—IN THE WELTER DIVISION IN THE** Luna Park ring, Angel Cuello drew in 10 rounds with Pedro Chetta and Alberto Jabid, drew with Silvio Frias in 10 rounds.

▶ **CORDOBA.**—The middle and lightheacyweight champion of this city, Antonio Diaz won in 10, over Bernardo Romero, in the "Cordoba Sports Club".

▶ **LA PLATA.**—In the "Atenas" ring, "Furia" Derado kayoed Hector Miranda, in three.

▶ **TANDIL.**—In the "Santamarina Club" ring, Francisco Espelozin and Ruben Arocha drew in 10.

▶ **MISIONES.**—The Panamenian-Argentinian, Frederick Thompson, kayoed Kiko Gil, of Paraguay in the second, in a welter bout.

▶ **CORDOBA.**—The Argentinian champion in the light division, Jaime Gine, kayoed Elio Ripoll, in the sixth in the "Cordoba Sports Club".

▶ **BAHIA BLANCA.**—For the local title in the light division, Antonio Murano, champion, drew in 10 rounds with Cesar Farias.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**—In the ring of Luna Park and in a return-match, Manolo Garcia, of Spain, drew in 10 rounds with the ex-champion of Argentina in the feather division, Alfredo Bunetta.—It was a much disputed decision.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**—In the Luna Park ring, and on the same night, in the middle division, Hugo Medina won in 10, over Alberto Soria, and in the same division, undefeated Francisco Sotelo won in 10, over Ricardo Pincin and undefeated middleweight, Antonio Nigri won by a T.K.O. in five, over Aquiles Gregorutti.

▶ **LA PLATA.**—In the "Atenas club", the South American champion in the bantam division, Roberto Castro, won by a T.K.O. over Marcelo Avila of Ecuador, in the 9th round.

▶ **CORDOBA.** — The Argentian undefeated lightweight, Osvaldo Canete won by a T.K.O. in the 7th round, over Hugo Juarez, in the "Cordoba Sport Club".

▶ **CORDOBA.**—Fred Galiana of Spain, kayoed in 4th round Vicente Panzani.

▶ **LA PLATA.** — Adalberto Ochoa, in the welter division, won in 10, over Arturo Gonzalez in the "Atenas Club".

▶ **PERGAMINO.**—The undefeated and good prospect in the feather division, Santos Simili, won by a T.K.O. in the 4th, over Jorge Brunetti, in the "Provincial" ring.

▶ **ROSARIO.** — In the "Norte Stadium", Miguel Angel Aguero, undefeated welter, won in 10 rounds, over Alfonso Moreno.

## FROM THE PHILIPPINES

### *By Felipe J. C. Galang*

**ANGEL BOY, 119, OF MANILA, WON A 10 ROUND UNANIMOUS** decision over Walt Ingram, 120, of Wierton, West Virginia at the coliseum. Gil Flores, 126, decisioned Jet Bally, 125, in 10. Nursery Kid, 133 halted Terry Rebolado, 134, in 6. Ely Fernandez, 116, bested San Juan Boy, 119, in 6. Larry Brown, 121, defeated Primo Corpuz, 121, in 6. Jess de Leon, 113, and Leo Amadeo, 111, drew in 4. Lex Sande, 112, outpointed Little Independence, 103, in 4. Star Catalan, 115, outvoted Leo Aquino, 113, in 4.

▶ P. A. Aranas, 126, and Ernie Paredes, 119, were thrown out of the ring and declared it no contest in the 6th round of dancing and hugging. Kid Tacio Jr., 114, kayoed Boy Emil, 116, in 5. Kid Cenen, 126, bested Al Manalang Jr., 128, in 4. Kid Dabu, 126, won over Clever Cris, 125, in 4. Tony Pasumil, 128, decisioned Young Roland, 129, in 4.

▶ Lourdinez, Jr., 116, lost in a TKO decision to Small Dave, 115, due to the mistake of a second in the sixth round, in the initial presentation of Sumanqui Promotions in Guagua, Pampanga. Lourdinez was leading in a wide margin from the first to the fifth and in the 6 a left landed to the chin of Lourdinez that sent him to the canvas. He stood up before a count but the second thinking that his fighter was still dazed threw in the towel and the referee did not hesitate to raise the hand of Dave. The second who threw in the towel was nearly killed by Mr. Sengson for his untimely surrender. Baby Rosenberg, 122, drew with Eddie Castro, 123, in 6. Larry Sam, 115, lost to Fred Ocampo, 113, in 6. Ben Junior, 118, and Abe Lorena, 122, drew in 4. Kid Dabu, 128, lost to Young Danny, 126, in 4. Speed Salonga, 117, and Clever Cruz, 112, drew in 4. Bonnie Martin, 126, and Fighting Carlos, 122, also drew in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Golden Boy, 116 won a split decision over Little Dommy, 113 in 8 rounds in Olongapo, Zambales under the promotion of Sumanqui Promotions Inc. Danny Rosales, 120, bested Killer Dominguez, 120, of the U. S. Navy in 6 rounds. This bout stole the show with boys starting the fireworks from the first to the last stanza with Rosales receiving the upper hand. Primo Famiro, 114, decisioned Star Pancho, 116, in 6. Billy Brown, 110, outpointed Clever Cruz, 105, in 6. Star Dumaguete, 114, and Ben Junior, 117, drew in 4. Celso Mora, 115, lost to Harry Hardman, 118, in 4. Mamerto Punay, 114, and Larry Sam, 114, drew in 4.

▶ Flash Olanio, 128, and Rufi Pineda, 129, drew in 8 rounds in Guagua, Pampanga. Star Viesca, 126, knocked out Young Lubao, 130, in 3. Harry Hardman, 122, and Danny Rodenas, 124, drew in 6. Rudy Lopez, 129, defeated Rocky Briones 129, in 6. Jaspe Dula, 117, and Remy Jr., 120, drew in 4.

▶ Roberto Cruz, 127, defeated Larry Fernandez, 129, in 8 rounds in San Mateo, Rizal. Johnny Jamito, 119, outscored San Juan Boy, 121, in 8. Oscar Guban, 127, outjabbed Star Viesca, 128, in 8. Rush Army, 126, bested N. P. C. Boy, 123, in 6. Rey Serdan, 118, outboxed Jim Posadas, 119, in 6.

▶ Larry Bataan, 124, decisioned Paulito Escarlan, 126, in 10 rounds in Marikina, Rizal. Pat Lakandula, 141, bested Young Leyte, 138, in 8. Ernie Paredes, 116, defeated Joe Espinosa, 116, in 8. Flash Conde Jr., 114, whipped Lorry Matador, 111, in 6.

▶ Young Cezar, 125, drew with Danny Brown, 124, in 8 in Roxas, Isabela. Clever Perez, 116, drew with Naven Kid, 112, in 6. Vic Carriaga, 114, decisioned Rocky Pascual, 117, in 4. Tony Manuel, 115, outpointed Johnny Adsuara, 120, in 5. Rocky Soriano, 117, drew with Young Rudy, 118, in 4.

▶ Danny Mar, 115, defeated Rex Concepcion, 115, in 6 rounds in Paniqui, Tarlac. Roy Padilla, 124, kayoed Young Aida, 125, in 4. Jimmy dela Pena, 124, kayoed Salumague Boy, 133, in 3. Speed San Juan, 118, halted Emil Ferrer, 115, in 3.

▶ Rocky Moises, 124, defeated Bill Tinde, 129, in 8 rounds in Makati, Rizal. Nestor Reyes, 121, kayoed Cagayan Boy, 123, in 7. Baby Mario, 126, defeated Joe Dionaldo, 127, in 6. Ray Martin, 110, halted Ciano Salonga, 112, in 5.

▶ Nestor Roy Sison, 113, kayoed Speedy Rodrigo, 113, in 8 rounds in Binangonan, Rizal. Star Pancho, 116, decisioned Rocky Codozi, 116, in 6. Joe Cortez, 113 bested Kid Ibanes, 112, in 6. Baby Leyte, 120, defeated Baby Samson, 120, in 4.

## MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
### *By Jack Waina*

**WHILE MOST KIDS STARTING OUT IN BOXING TODAY SEEM** to learn very little about the art of self-defense on the way up, Gene Gresham, a former Detroit golden gloves champion, is an exception. The 20 year old localite is an excellent boxer who utilizes a fine jab and improves with every fight. Gresham is undefeated.

In his debut as a main eventer, Gresham, 136½, made a punching bag out of a game but badly outclassed Robert Keeling, 133½, Louisville, Ky., in 10 rounds on promoter C. W. Smith's show at the Motor City Arena. Referee Lou Handler wisely stopped the one-sided contest during the eighth round. The victory was Gresham's fourteenth straight.

The only bout to go the distance, found Donnie Deters, 168½, Detroit, gaining a close split decision over Willie Williams, 172½, Detroit, in a well fought four rounder. A draw would have been justified.

Irish Billy Collins, 140½, Detroit, had reach and height, which he used to good advantage in stopping veteran Eli Leggett, 139¾, Detroit. A cut eye prevented Leggett from answering the bell for the fourth round.

Arthur Turner, 153, Detroit, had a breather in Louis Ringo, 155, Detroit, who he stopped at 2:35 of the first round, and Al Adams, 190, Detroit, lumbered his way to a three round KO over Danny Lewis, 180, Detroit, at 2:20.

▶Jesse Rodrigues is a veteran of over six years of professional campaigning and over thirty bouts and while not always a winner, the Youngstown, Ohio, boxer has exchanged punches with the likes of Willie Pep, Paul Jorgensen and Ike Chestnut, an impressive array of talent.

So it was only fitting that the combination of Al St. Johns and James Riley presented Rodrigues as an opponent for colorful Leroy Jeffery, in later's first main event at the Toledo Sports Arena. Jeffery, 130, went all out. He caught Rodrigues, 124, with a thundering left hook and dropped him to the canvas. Jesse got to his pins just long enough to get tagged with another powerful hook and it was finis at 1:56 of the first round.

In the semi-final bout scheduled for six rounds, KO artist Jimmy Remson, 158, Detroit, returned to the ring after a year of inactivity and blasted Homer Harvey, 154, Buffalo, New York to the canvas and out in 1:15 of the first-round. It was Remson's ninth knockout victory in eleven starts, of which only one was a loser.

Four round preliminaries: Ernest "Sonny" Hill, 161½, Detroit, scored another victory when he outboxed Virgil Williams, 154, Toledo, with comparative ease; Carl Beaver, 178, Toledo, rallied in the last round to barely edge out Paul Bailey, 183, Detroit, in the best bout on the card; Jimmy Pettaway, 128, Toledo, made it three straight by stopping an inept Davey Kuhn, 126, Warren, Ohio, at 2:25 of the first; Tommy Pain, Detroit middleweight, made a successful pro debut by flattening Walter Abott, also of Detroit, in two; and Earl Brabb, 134, Toledo, punched more frequently then Vinnie O'Shea, 131, Detroit.

▶Canadian middleweight champion Wilf Greaves, 163, who operates out of Detroit, headed a card at the Exhibition Hall in Louisville, Ky., promoted by Bill King, and Greaves had his opponent Bill Tuck, 158, Louisville, down twice in the third round, and again for keeps in 2:31.

Two of three Detroiters were victorious on the preliminary card. After dropping the early rounds the greater experience of John Powell, 147½, paid off as he came on to edge out promising Willie Moran, 147, Louisville, for his eleventh victory in thirteen starts. The defeat was Moran's first in four starts. Jesse Fagin, 159, who holds a victory over Tuck, gained a split nod over Louisvillian Dolphus Brown, 157, and Danny Jones, 150, Louisville, bested Fred McCray, 150.

▶Fighting a much more intelligent fight than in their first meeting, Charley Smith, 138, Detroit, known as "Tiger", scored a five round TKO over Johnny Palmer, 136½ Columbus, Ohio, in their feature attraction bout at the Toledo Sports, scheduled for ten rounds. In their first meeting, Charley made the mistake of taking off after his clever opponent and in the process was floored three times and eventually for the full count.

However, in their rematch, Smith didn't get wild and as a result, Charley scored with excellent hooks, while Palmer's best was a good left jab which he used repeatedly to keep the Detroiter off balance. With a bad cut over his right eye, the contest was wisely stopped at the end of the fifth round.

When James Remson unfortunately was unable to pass his physical for his bout with Ernest Buford, a makeshift eight rounder took place pairing Arthur Turner, 151, Detroit, against Billy Arnold, 154, Pittsburgh. Unfortunately for all but Turner, Arnold was the same Louis Ringo who was knocked out in one round three weeks earlier by Turner in Detroit. Both boys hugged and tugged each other for five rounds. Arnold, or Ringo, even turned southpaw in the late rounds, but Referee Vern Keller, finally stopped the farce in the sixth round, awarding Turner a TKO victory.

In a good middleweight slug-fest, Cecil Shorts, highly regarded Cleveland middleweight, stopped comebacking Willie Russell, of Toledo, in the fifth round. Frank Wooten, 140, Toledo southpaw, bopped Earl Brabb, 135, Toledo, on the chin with a pretty right hook at 2:55 to stretch him out for full count. Jimmy Pettaway, 129, Toledo, easily outboxed and outclowned A. C. Hendricks, 130, Chicago, for the nod in four, and Sonny Hill, Detroit middleweight, halted Henry Ellis, of Chicago, at :55 of the third round.

▶BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . . Three years ago when yours truly was doing the matchmaking for the Motor City Fighting Club, a young lad named Peter Schmidt was given his first pro bout. Today Schmidt, under the banner of popular George Sheppard, is a main event fighter and defeated Johnny Gorman in his latest start at this writing. A couple of prominent local boys who are doing well, are Leroy Jeffery and Remson. . . . Kenny Lane has agreed to give up his state lightweight title so that Detroiters Gene Gresham and Leroy Jeffery can be paired for the crown. A bout for the state middleweight honors is also in the making between veteran Eddie Smith and hard punching Henry Hank.

Popular Jim Bowlin, Detroit manager, had to enter the hospital for an operation on an ulcerated stomach. . . . Virgil Sled, Detroit lightweight, was accidentally stabbed to death by a neighbor during a playful scuffle.

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## AROUND THE TRI-STATE AREA
### *By Don Elbaum*

**YOUNGSTOWN, O.—BOXING RETURNED TO THIS CITY UNDER THE BANNER** of Nick Petrarca with the assistance of Jack Trammell and Pedro Tomez. A seven bout card consisting of all six rounders featuring local talent was presented to 673 fans who paid $837.10.

Chuck McCreary, 165, undefeated Youngstown middleweight stopped Alex Ford, 176, last year's National Golden Glove Champ, in the fourth round on a cut eye. This made it eight straight, five by KO for the up and coming member of the Tomez stable.

The mismatch of the night found tough Waymen Dawson pounding Willie Mennifield for three rounds. The match was stopped in the corner when the outclassed Mennifield decided to call it a day. Both fighters hail from Youngstown.

The fight of the night was the slugfest between Roscoe Shamblin, 163, Youngstown and Johnny Bridges, 154, Youngstown. Roscoe last year's outstanding Cleveland Glover, was making his first pro start. Roscoe won four of the six rounds.

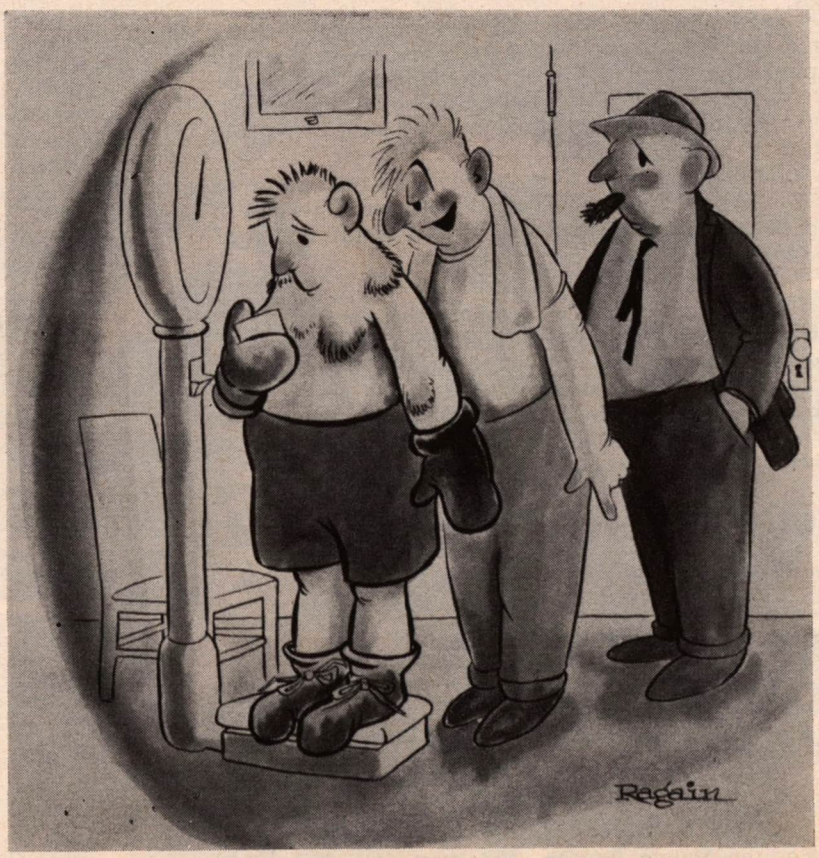
Billy Lewis outboxed Billy Stickland, Wooster in an interesting six. Both fighters weighed 175. Randall Kitchen, 147, Youngstown won over Willie Epps, 150, Youngstown and Ray Brown, 176, Canton, spoiled Dick Anzalone's pro debut by outboxing the 174 pounder in the opener.

The six between Dick White, 131, Youngstown and Pluitt Rudolph, 125, Canton, was cut to four rounds with White, who just returned from the West Coast, pounding out an easy win over his southpaw opponent.

▶Erie, Pa.—Erie's first boxing show in over three years took place at the Armory under the promotion and matchmaking of this writer. A crowd of 496 paid $1020 to see Erie's new adopted son, Bobby Hughes, former light-heavyweight contender, win a split decision over Bobby Stininato, 177½, (Bulldog Drummond). This was a return bout. Hughes won the first by a five round KO. Hughes who has a stiff left jab, used it sparingly. The fight was made close in the last round when Stininato shook Hughes with a left hook and won the round by a large margin.

The eight round semi stole the show as Harry Budnewski, Dunkirk, 157, and Johnny Bridges, 154, Youngstown, put on their own private war. Both fighters gave the fans plenty to cheer about. The decision was a draw.

Classy Charles McCreary, 160, Youngstown ran his winning streak to nine as he stopped Pat McKane in 1:12 of the third round of a four rounder. Pat who fights out of Ft. Williams, Canada, was not in McCreary's class. Hard punching Benny Lee, 155, Painesville, O., took just 2:03 to KO. J. D. Berry, Warren, O. and in the opener, hand punching Corneilus Rodgers, 210 of Youngstown, a fighter who you will be hearing about, blasted Earl Brown, 208, Pittsburgh out of the picture in 2:30 of the first round.

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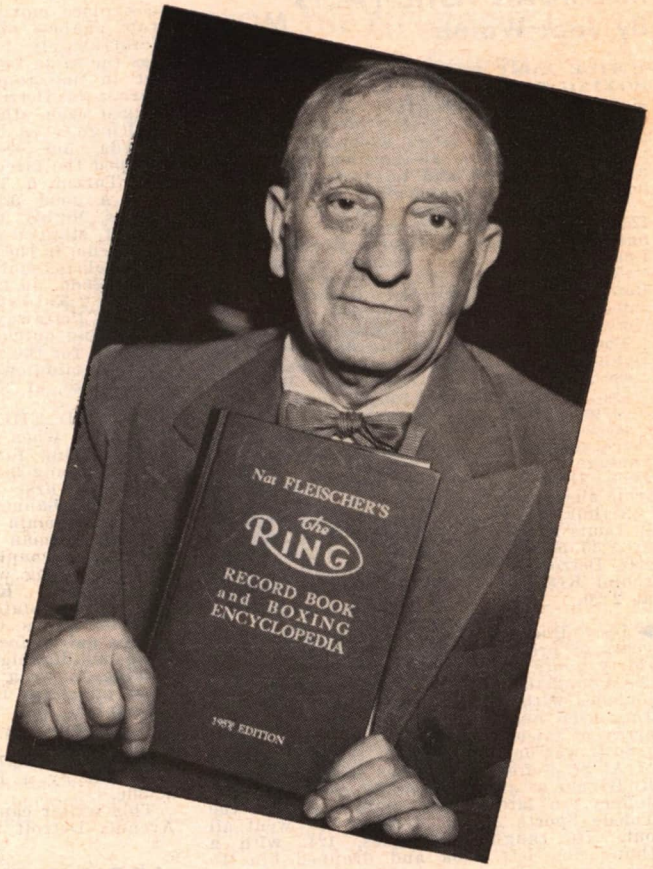


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